

LESTER RODSTEIN

SUMMARY
(Correlation)

ALSO KNOWN AS: LESTER RODNEY
BIRTHDATE: 4/17/11 (verified)
BIRTHPLACE: New York City,
SPOUSE: Clara Weinstein
RACE: white
LOCALITY: ny: cal: NJ: Phila: Penn:
W. Va.: DC: Ind.

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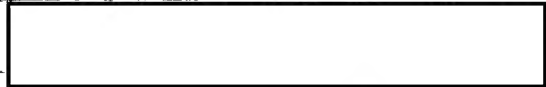
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IDENTITY 100-46858

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✓ I 61-777-814 P. 5

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3142

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~~DESTROY~~ ✓ I

6230

~~DESTROY~~ ✓ I

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✓ SI 61-7590-614 P-5 ^(REMOVED FILE # 116) to... - 2p1

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Director
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Washington, D. C.

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Re: LESTER RODNEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)
DATE 3-21-79

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Dear Sir:

This case was received July 30th, 1941. (Date) U

The source or complainant:

N. Y. Office review of files.

(Name)

(Address)

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EXTENDED BY 2333 3/2/79 GJA
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*Summary of Complaint: Subject's photograph appeared in DAILY WORKER, 5/1/37, with statement he was a member of DAILY WORKER staff. U

This case after due consideration has been placed in a deferred status. It will receive appropriate attention immediately when personnel is available. U

RECORDED
Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH, Jr.
Assistant Director

Special Agent in Charge

*(If Bureau files contain information in field office files, list Bureau file number or refer to agent's report.) U

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 100-13292 AT

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/13/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/30; 10/2, 3, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23	REPORT MADE BY C. C. NELSON
TITLE LESTER RODSTEIN with alias Lester Rodney			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY-R.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: (U)

Subject has been employed as Sports Editor for Daily Worker, New York City for five years. Registered as Communist voter in 1936; as American Labor Party voter in 1940. Is still in employ of Daily Worker as Sports Editor. Subject protested fact that certain Communists required to post compliance bonds at Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject being considered for custodial detention. Description set out. No criminal record. Custodial detention memorandum being submitted. *X*

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated April 30, 1941 re Internal Security. *U*

Report of Special Agent E.L. Boyle dated June 12, 1941 at Pittsburgh, Pa., in the case entitled, "The Communist Party of the U.S.A., Pittsburgh, Pa., District Number 5"; Internal Security. *U*

DETAILS: (U)

Special Agent L. O. Prior of the New York Field Division reported on July 11, 1941, that the subject's photograph appeared in the May 1, 1937 issue of the Daily Worker, wherein it also reflected that the subject was a member of the staff of the Daily Worker. Agent Prior secured this information through a *U*

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review of the files in the New York Field Division. Agent personally examined the issue of May 1, 1937 of the Daily Worker at the Public Library of New York City, 137 West 25th Street and learned that on Page 8 of this issue of the Daily Worker subject's picture appears as a member of the staff of the Daily Worker. Subject's picture appears with other staff members of the publication. His name is listed as LESTER RODNEY. U

On Page 34 of reference report of Special Agent E. L. Boyle, LESTER RODNEY is listed as one of many persons who protested by letter or telegram the fact that 29 Communists in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania had to place compliance bonds of appeal to the Superior Court in Pittsburgh, Pa. These Communists had been arrested apparently for circulating Communist petitions. The address given for RODNEY in this report is 1569 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. U

Special Agent W. B. Butler, at the office of Informant TA, learned that the following civil law suits have been filed against one LESTER RODNEY; U

HERBERT J. SIMON versus LESTER RODNEY, 50 East 13th St.
New York City
filed December 22, 1939 in the First
Court of Manhattan. Docket #74845,
Attorney: LEONARD BICKWIT.

Sterling Discount Corporation versus LESTER RODNEY, 35
East 12th Street, New York City, filed
June 9, 1941 in the Second Court in
Brooklyn, Docket #6895. Attorney, U
M. J. NORWICK.

Tarzwan Brothers versus LESTER RODNEY, 20 East 13th St.
Manhattan, filed February 1, 1941, First
Court, Kings County, Docket #2757,
Attorney, H. D'ANTONIO, 66 Court Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

At the office of the Clerk of the First Court of Manhattan, Municipal Courts Building, it was learned that, on January 3, 1940, a judgment was rendered in favor of DR. HERBERT J. SIMON over LESTER RODNEY, 50 East 13th Street, in the amount of \$116.00, and that the defendant did not appear to defend the action. A garnishee order was signed on January 30, 1940, and, on June 25, 1941, a wage execution was returned, satisfied. This action was for a fee for services rendered by the plaintiff doctor to the defendant's wife, at the agreed price of \$116.00. The Court's record further showed U

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that the plaintiff's office address was 300 Central Park West and that the defendant was employed by the Daily Publishing Company, Inc., 50 East 13th Street. At the office of Municipal Court #1, Central Courts Building, Brooklyn, it was ascertained that Civil Suit #2757 was filed by MARTIN A. FARZAN, doing business as FARZAN BROTHERS against LESTER R. RODNEY on February 1, 1941, and that the action was for an unpaid balance of \$28.12 on a General Electric Radio. Summons was served on the subject personally at 50 East 13th Street, New York City. It is to be noted that this is the office of the Daily Worker. An effort was made to contact HARRY D'ANTONIO, attorney for the plaintiff in this action without success. U

DR. HERBERT J. SIMON, 300 Central Park West, New York City, stated that he performed an appendectomy on MR. LESTER RODNEY on April 13, 1938, at a price which he agreed with the subject should be \$116.00. Subject at that time resided at 48-11, 45th Street, Sunnyside, Brooklyn, New York. DR. SIMON stated that after the operation was performed successfully, subject refused to pay the bill, and for that reason he turned the collection of the bill over to his attorney, [REDACTED], 50 Broadway, New York City. DR. SIMON stated that he would not know the subject on the street should he see him, and therefore could not give an accurate description. He stated that a brother-in-law of the subject, named LEVY, does not like the subject because of the subject's Communist affiliations, but the doctor did not know the first name nor the address of LEVY. DR. SIMON stated that the subject appeared to be in poor circumstances and that this was one of the reasons the operation was performed at such a low cost. DR. SIMON recalled that the operation was performed at the Sydenham Hospital, 125th Street at Manhattan Avenue. U

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At the Record Room of the Sydenham Hospital, the clerk in charge stated that since the case of subject's wife was of a private nature, no information could be given. U

[REDACTED] Attorney-at-Law, 50 Broadway, stated that when the subject was interviewed in his office in connection with the lawsuit filed by DR. HERBERT J. SIMON, subject stated that he resided at 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, and that his previous address was 226 West Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York. Subject also stated that he was a writer for the Daily Worker and that his weekly salary was \$25.00. U

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Subject was described as follows by MR. [REDACTED] U

Color; white
Age; 28 years
Height; 5'6"
Weight; 140 lbs.
Complexion; dark
Build; slight
Marital status; married
Occupation; writer for the Daily Worker
Appearance; Jewish

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J. D. SMITH, Superintendent of the apartment building at 236 West Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, was contacted and he stated that the subject never resided at that address. At the office of Informant TB it was ascertained that the subject was not registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 at that office. U

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MRS. B. PEZULICH, 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, reported that the subject resided at that address, by himself, from October of 1940 until January of 1941. It was not deemed advisable to question MRS. PEZULICH regarding the subject's affiliations with the Communist Party since this was a rooming house in a neighborhood of foreign persons. [REDACTED] Brooklyn, stated that he remembered that the subject lived at 618 Sixth Street, but could not remember the type of mail which subject received. U

Informant TC advised that subject registered as required under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 on October 16th, 1940 when he stated the following on his registration card: U

Name; LESTER RODNEY
Address; 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. subsequently changed to 1569 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Age; 29, Born April 17, 1911 in New York, N.Y.
Country of Citizenship; United States of America
Person who will always know address; MRS. BETTY SHERMAN RODNEY, wife, 1776 East 13th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Employer; Freedom of the Press, Inc., 50 East 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
Description; white
height - 5'9"
Weight - 150 lbs.
Eyes - brown
Hair - brown
Complexion - light

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Subject's order number is 3122; Serial Number 2230. U

Subject executed his Selective Service Questionnaire of May 7, 1941 wherein he submitted the following information: U

Name; LESTER RODNEY, also known as LESTER RODSTEIN.
Address; 1569 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
Telephone; Cloverdale 8-2418
Social Security Number; 121-05-8572
Physical Condition; bad eyes, flat feet, nasal obstruction.
Education; 8 years elementary school, 4½ years high school; 2 years New York University in Evening School of Journalism.
Employed for five years as Sports Editor of Freedom of the Press, Inc., 50 East 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
Marital Status; Married September 1, 1937 at Brooklyn, New York; does not live with wife, she living at 26 Grove Street, New York City. U

Subject listed as his other dependent his mother, BELLA RODSTEIN PENN, 58 years old, and stated that his support of his mother began on February 28, 1941 when his father died. Subject lists his yearly income as \$1,300.00 and stated that he pays a monthly rental of \$40.00 to the Briskay Realty Company. U

Under the citizenship status paragraph, subject states that he was born in New York, New York, April 17, 1911 and is a citizen of the United States. U

He lists the following relatives:

Sisters - [redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y. - married.
[redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y. - married.

Bank - at Kings Highway and East 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York where \$171.00 is on deposit in the name of his mother, BELLA PENN. U

The following information was secured at the office of the Board of Elections, Municipal Building, Brooklyn: U

On October 6, 1936, LESTER RODSTEIN, register number 377, registered as a Communist voter in the Fifth election district of the 12th Assembly district of Kings County, New York. His address at that time was 529 Second Street, Brooklyn and his description as given is U

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Age; 25 years
Born; United States
In state - 25 years, in County - 18 years, in
Election District - 3 years. 4

In October of 1940, subject registered as LESTER RODNEY, an American Labor Party voter, registry number 660, in the 7th election district of the 12th Assembly district of Kings County, New York. He stated that his address was 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn and that he was born in the United States and was 29 years old. 4

At the Marriage License Record Room in the Hall of Records, Brooklyn, the following information was secured from marriage certificate number 1866 issued September 13, 1937: 4

LESTER RODNEY and BESSIE C. SHERMAN

LESTER RODNEY, white, residence 590 Second Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Age: 26

Born: April 17, 1911 in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Father: MAX, born in the United States

Mother's maiden name: BELLE COTTON, born in the United States.

BESSIE CAROLINE SHERMAN, white, residence 1802 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Born: July 10, 1918 in the Bronx, N.Y.

Occupation: salesgirl

Father: DAVID SHERMAN, born U.S.S.R.

Mother's maiden name: MINNIE MARCUSE, born in the United States. 4

RODNEY and MISS SHERMAN were married by the REV. ABRAHAM LEIBOWITZ, Minister, 1800 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, on September 16, 1937. Witnesses were LOUIS LOWEY and FRANCES LEIBOWITZ. 4

At the offices of the Registrar of New York University, Washington Square, it was learned that subject registered at that school in September of 1930 as LESTER RODSTEIN, 2444 - 83rd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. and attended school irregularly until June of 1933 when he had earned but four credit hours in the study of Journalism. He listed his high school as New Utrecht High School. 4

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At the office of Informant TD it was learned that Freedom of the Press, Inc., 50 East 13th Street, New York, are publishers of the Daily Worker. This information is also given on the editorial page of the Daily Worker. U

No record of the subject's birth could be found at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Board of Health, Brooklyn, N.Y. U

Special Agent J. E. Amos of the New York Field Division checked the criminal records of the New York City Police Department with regard to the subject's true name, ~~LESTER RODSTEIN~~ and his alias, which he uses when writing in the Daily Worker, ~~LESTER RODNEY~~, with negative results. U

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The subject is being considered for custodial detention and a custodial detention memorandum is being submitted. X

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The Confidential Informants listed in this report are as follows:

Informant TA: The Credit Bureau of Greater New York,
7th Avenue at 33rd Street, New York
City.

Informant TB: Clerk of Local Board Number 66,
Selective Service, 586 West 177th
Street, Bronx, New York.

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Informant TC:

Informant TD: Dun and Bradstreet, 290 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

LESTER RODSTEIN
alias Lester Rodney

COMMUNIST

Residence address:
1569 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, New York.

Business address:
Freedom of the Press, Inc.
50 East 13th Street
New York, N.Y. (Offices of
the Daily Worker).

Born April 17, 1911 in Brooklyn, New York and is a citizen of the
United States of America. (Marriage Certificate #18766 issued
September 13, 1937.) U

LESTER RODSTEIN, alias LESTER RODNEY has been employed for the past
five years as Sports Editor of the Daily Worker, 50 East 13th
Street, New York City. He is still employed in this capacity.
On October 6, 1936 he registered at the Board of Elections,
Brooklyn, N.Y., as a Communist voter, in the Fifth Election District
of the 12th Assembly District of Brooklyn. In 1940, he registered
as a voter of the American Labor Party in this same district.
(Report of Special Agent C. C. Nelson dated November 13, 1941
at New York, N.Y., 100-13292.) U

LESTER RODNEY, 1569 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. is listed as one
of many persons who protested by letter or telegram the fact that
29 Communists in Pittsburgh, Pa., had to place compliance bonds to
the Superior Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., following their arrest for
circulating Communist petitions. (Report of Special Agent E. L.
Boyle, dated June 12, 1941 at Pittsburgh, Pa., in the case entitled
the COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Pittsburgh,
Pa., District Number 5, Internal Security - R.) U

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 3, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.
Lester Rodney
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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

 The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME LESTER RODSTEIN APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ALIASES Lester Rodney ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF Class
DATE 3-21-79

RACE W SEX M NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

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DATE OF BIRTH April 17, 1911 PLACE OF BIRTH Brooklyn, N. Y.

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 112 East 16th St., New York City

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

"Daily Worker," 35 East 12th St., New York City

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/3/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/20, 23/49; 1/13, 19; 2/2; 3/3, 6, 14/50	REPORT MADE BY <div></div>	b6 b7C
TITLE LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.: Lester Rodney			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: (U) <p>Subject born 4/17/11, Brooklyn, New York. He resides at 112 East 16th Street, NYC, and is employed as sportswriter for the "Daily Worker," 35 East 12th Street, NYC. He was a member of the Veteran's Committee for the election of ROBERT THOMPSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS, Communist candidates in 1946. Subject was to have held a bazaar in June, 1948, under the auspices of Branch Number 2, Stuyvesant Section of the Communist Party. He stated in his newspaper column on 11/1/48 that he was a Communist. Subject was a member of I.W.O. in 1949. He registered ALP in 1947 and 1948.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROPRIATE AGENCIES DATE 3-21-79</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P* CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 2323 3/2/79 GJM REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 3/2/84</p>				
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">BIRTH</p> <p>Birth records of the Borough of Manhattan maintained by the Department of Health, New York City, reflect that LESTER RODSTEIN was born April 17, 1911. His father was MAX RODSTEIN, born in New York City, and his mother was BELLA COTTON RODSTEIN, also born in New York City.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESIDENCE</p> <p>(U) Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in January, 1950, that the subject had lived for a number of years at 112 East Sixteenth Street, New York City, and was still residing there.</p>				
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an article by the subject, entitled, "A Paper for People Who Remember," in which the subject attempts to show how many times the "Daily Worker" has been right in their policy in the past. He states that the "Daily Worker" was right about the Spanish Civil War being sponsored by Hitler and Mussolini, and how Finland was really an ally of Hitler prior to World War II. U

The May 29, 1945 issue of the "Daily Worker" contains an article by the subject entitled, "Saw Fascists Hogging UNRRA Food In Greece," in which the subject states that in an interview with three Greek seamen, now in New York City between voyages, they charged that UNRRA supplies were being withheld by the reactionary Greek monarchist Government from the very men who led the Anti-Nazi resistance. The seamen stated that distribution of supplies was made through picked government supporters, some of whom were ex-collaborators. U

The "Daily Worker" of October 26, 1946, on page 5, column 1, contains an article which stated that twenty combat veterans of World War II formed a Veteran's Committee for the election of ROBERT THOMPSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Communist candidates for comptroller and Attorney General in the coming election. The subject was one of the veterans on this committee. U

The "Daily Worker" on December 14, 1946, on page 8, column 3, contained an announcement that LESTER RODNEY, "Daily Worker" sports editor, would speak on December 15, 1946, at the Jerry Weinberg Club, 190 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn. U

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Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised in April, 1947, that LESTER RODNEY was one of the nominees on the ballot for "Representative Assembly Delegates," issued by the "Daily Worker" unit. X

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in August, 1947, that the subject was one of the individuals from the New York area who attended the First Annual National Communist Veteran's Encampment which convened in Washington, D. C., on March 8 and 9, 1947. Informant stated that approximately four hundred Communist veterans attended. U

RODNEY wrote an article in the May 9, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker" entitled, "Defend United States in Peace as in War," in which he U

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described the meetings and speakers of the Communist veterans in Washington, D. C., on March 8th. ~~X~~

- (U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised on March 14, 1947, that the subject was one of the members of the "Daily Worker" staff who sent a telegram to the Secretary of Labor, Mr. SCHWELLENBACH, in Washington, D. C., which read: "We members of the 'Daily Worker' staff are Communists and war veterans. We append our serial numbers and war records. We would like to know if you would deny us our rights as American citizens. Please wire collect." ~~X~~
- (U) The subject's serial number was listed as 32355453, and he stated that he was a member of the 52nd Field Hospital. He stated that he had spent thirty-two months as a male nurse with the American 37th, 24th and 31st Divisions in the Solomon Island and South Philippine Campaigns. ~~X~~
- (U) Confidential Informant T-2 advised in December, 1947, that the subject was making arrangements for speakers at meetings of the American Youth for Democracy. It is to be noted that the American Youth for Democracy has been declared by the Attorney General as a Communist Organization and falls within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ~~X~~
- (U) Confidential Informant T-2 also advised on February 13, 1948, that the subject was one of the persons who sent a telegram to Councilman WALTER R. HART of the New York City Council on January 22, 1948, protesting the "shameful run around of S. W. GERSON, legal successor to the late Councilman CACCHIONE." PETER CACCHIONE was the Communist Party electee for city councilman in Brooklyn, New York, who died on November 6, 1947. SIMON GERSON, according to Confidential Informant T-3, who gave the information in 1949, is presently the Legislative Director of the New York State Communist Party, and also is in charge of the Defense Committee of the Communist Party. GERSON, the informant stated, attempted unsuccessfully to be seated for the unfinished term of the former city Councilman PETER CACCHIONE at the time of the latter's death. ~~X~~
- (U) Confidential Informant T-3, advised on April 2, 1948, that he believed the subject had been employed by the "Daily Worker" from November, 1945, to at least February, 1947. ~~X~~
- (U) Informant also advised on June 4, 1948, that the June program of the Village Forum conducted by the Lower West Side Communist Party listed LESTER RODNEY as one of the speakers. ~~X~~
- (U) On June 8, 1948, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that a bazaar was to be held on June 13th, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. at LESTER RODNEY'S home at 112 East Sixteenth Street, under the auspices of Branch Number 2. ~~X~~

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(U) Stuyvesant Section of the Communist Party. ~~X~~

The November 1, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 16, column 4, contained an article by the subject in which he states: "but in addition to being a sportswriter, I happen to be a Communist." U

(U) Confidential Informant T-3 advised on January 26, 1949, that the subject was a "public speaker" for the "Daily Worker." ~~X~~

The January 23, 1949, issue of the "daily Worker," section 2, page 17, contained an advertisement for the book, "Fighting Words," which contains selections from the "Daily Worker" from 1924 to 1949. LESTER RODNEY was one of the columnists whose work appeared in this book. U

(U) Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that as of February 18, 1949, the subject was employed by the "Daily Worker." ~~X~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that LESTER RODNEY, 112 East Sixteenth Street, was one of the persons who protested to Judge HAROLD R. LEDINA, concerning the trial of the Communist Party Leaders in New York City in 1948. This protest was signed prior to September 20, 1948. Informant also advised on May 9, 1949, that the subject protested the discriminatory method of hand-picking juries and the indictment of the twelve Communist Leaders dropped as unconstitutional and un-American. ~~X~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that as of August, 1949, LESTER RODNEY was a member of the International Workers Order. It is to be noted that the International Workers Order has been listed by the Attorney General as a Communist Organization and falls within the purview of Executive Order 9835. ~~X~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-3 advised on May 3, 1949, that a party was being held at the subject's home on June 15, 1949. The party was being called, "The Party of the Year for the Party." ~~X~~

(U) Confidential Informant T-8 advised on October 17, 1949, that LESTER RODNEY wrote BERNARD RUBIN, another writer for the "Daily Worker," that he disagreed with an article written by RUBIN entitled, "Thoughts on the Cultural Struggle," in which RUBIN stated that GIs of the Soviet Union had a higher cultural level than the United States Soldiers, who "went through the war on comic books." According to the informant, RODNEY objected to RUBIN'S article and stated that he, RODNEY, came out of the war with a liking and respect for the great majority of his fellow GIs. RODNEY stated that RUBIN apparently lacked faith in the American people. ~~X~~

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The records of the Bureau of Elections, New York County, reflect that the subject registered from 112 East Sixteenth Street, New York City, for the years 1947 and 1948. Subject registered as a member of the American Labor Party. U

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, 79th Congress, Second Session, cited the American Labor Party as a Communist front on March 29, 1944. U

(U) A check of the records of Confidential Informants T-8 and T-9, both of known reliability, failed to reflect any additional information concerning the subject. X

(U) The following informants, of known reliability, advised that they knew the subject was the Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker," but that they knew nothing concerning the Communist Party Activities of the subject: T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, T-15, and T-16. X

The following description of the subject was obtained from Selective Service and Marriage records. U

Name	LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.: Lester Rodney
Birth	April 17, 1911, New York City
Race	White
Height	5' 9"
Weight	150 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Relatives	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
Employer	Freedom of the Press, 50 East 13th Street, New York City.
Address	112 East Sixteenth Street, New York City.

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- (U) Confidential Informant T-3 advised on May 25, 1948, that he had in his possession a three-page attendance list obtained from the Communist Party National Headquarters, 35 East Twelfth Street, New York City, giving the name, section and county. LESTER RODNEY'S name appeared on this list as being in the Stuyvesant Section of Manhattan County. ~~X~~
- (U) Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised that prior to August, 1940, a LESTER RODNEY, address not given, was a member of Branch One, Section Three, New York County Communist Party. ~~X~~

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NEW YORK DIVISION
at New York, New York

(U) Will await the recommendation of the Bureau concerning the submission of Form FD 122. &

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA []
[] at New York, New York, dated APR 3 1950
are identified as follows:

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[] contacted in December, 1947, by SA CHARLES F. HEINER. Informant also contacted on 3/14/47 and 2/13/48 by SA CHARLES F. HEINER and on 4/25/47 by SA J. D. REED.

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[] who made the information available on the following dates to the following persons:
4/2/48 - to SA A. E. DOOLEY and SE T. O'CONNOR
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6/8/48 - to SA E. K. DEANE and SE A. E. FALLER
1/26/49 - to SA HERBERT P. LARSON and SE S. W. JENNINGS
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10/17/49 - to SA A. B. CLARK and SE A. E. FALLER
5/25/49 - to SA HERBERT P. LARSON and SE T. O'CONNOR.

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Letter from G2 dated 7/9/47, signed by Lieutenant []

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Associated Hospital Service, 80 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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Miss [] to Judge Harold R. Medina contacted by SA GEORGE J. SULLIVAN.

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[] contacted by SA A. E. DOOLEY on 12/23/47.

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Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department contacted by SA AUGUST J. MICEK.

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G2, contacted by SA JOHN J. DIXSON

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T-10 [] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
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T-14 [] contacted by SA CHARLES F. HEINER.
T-15 [] contacted by SA FRANK J. SMITH.
T-16 [] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

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Communist propaganda and statistical information
taken from [] and []
on 7/1/40, as reflected in report of
SA ROSS K. PRESCOTT, 7/13/40,
entitled, [] was.; and []
[] ESPIONAGE, COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES."

REFERENCE:

Report of SA C. C. NELSON, 11/13/41 at New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 25, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.
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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 14, 1952

FROM : V. P. Keay

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SUBJECT: LESTER RODNEY

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Mr. Joseph Short, Press Secretary to the President, gave to Mr. Roach today the attached copies of telegrams received by the President from various persons believed by Short to be Communists, or Communist sympathizers, and he desired to pass this on to the Bureau as a matter of information. U

As can be noted, the attached 11 telegrams from various individuals and groups are on behalf of one Lester Rodney, the Sports Editor for the "Daily Worker," who desires to attend the Olympic games at Helsinki. He was refused a passport by the Department of State. Rodney, and those persons supporting him, are now appealing to the President so that the Department of State may be instructed to issue the passport. U

Mr. Short informed Mr. Roach that he has not even called these telegrams to the President's attention and does not intend to do so as he considers it a mere pressure operation on behalf of Rodney and some of his "Communist" friends. U

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum, with the attachments, be referred to the Internal Security Unit for its information. U

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THE WHITE HOUSE

URGE YOU INTERCEDE BEHALF DAILY WORKER REPORTERS REQUEST FOR PASSPORT TO COVER

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RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU GRANT PASSPORT TO LESTER RODNEY TO
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USE OF POLITICAL BIAS TO BAR SPORTS EDITOR ASSIGNED TO
FINNISH WORLD OLYMPICS CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF FREEDOM
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LESTER RODNEY SPORTS EDITOR DAILY WORKER
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE USE YOUR GOOD OFFICE TO INSURE GRANTING OF PASSPORT
TO MR LESTER RODNEY, TO COVER THE OLYMPICS FAILURE TO

GRANT THE PASSPORT REFLECTS ON AMERICAN SPORTSMANSHIP AND

FREE PRESS

MR & MRS



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NEW YORK NY JUL 9

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IT IS NOT WITHIN SPIRIT OF FAIR PLAY FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC
HERITAGE TO DENY A NEWSPAPER MAN WHO HAS BEEN ACCREDITED
BY THE US OLYMPICS COMMITTEE A PASSPORT TO HELSINKI URGE YOU
LIFT ARBITRARY PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS ON LESTER RODNEY OF
THE DAILY WORKER

49 MEMBERS OF THE BRONX COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MAJORITY OF AMERICANS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT UNITED

STATES AND SOVIET FRIENDLY COMPETITION IN SPORTS.

LESTER RODNEYS REPORTING WILL AID UNDERSTANDING

OTHER PEOPLES. ^{Let not editor get in} THEREFORE I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST

STATE DEPARTMENT GRANT RODNEY PASSPORT TO WHICH HE

IS FULLY ENTITLED AS A NEWSPAPER MAN

X 20 *Mine*

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HAVE RECEIVED OLYMPIC PRESS CREDENTIALS THROUGH U.S.

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FREEDOM OF PRESS, RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU INTERCEDE

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REQUESTING STATE DEPT ISSUE MY PASSPORT IMMEDIATELY

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LESTER RODNEY SPORTS EDITOR MY DAILY WORKER..

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Washington

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IN SPIRIT INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP FREE PRESS URGE

PASSPORT LESTER RODNEY TO COVER OLYMPICS



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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-13292)
SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.,
Lester Rodney
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DATE: 3/25/53

There are attached the original and two photostatic copies of a clipping from the 3/19/53 issue of the "Daily Worker" with the headline "The Real Story of 3 Air Incidents" and bearing the by-line of LESTER RODNEY, the subject. RODNEY is the Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker", but occasionally writes news and feature articles. U

The article is being called to the attention of the Bureau since it appears to be somewhat seditious and indicative of a strong pro-USSR attitude on the part of RODNEY. U

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The Real Story of 3 Air Incidents

By LESTER RODNEY

The latest plane "incident" in press headlines yesterday was so crude that even a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee has been forced to question it. Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt), has asked that a group be set up to study whether there was "an element of chip on the shoulder" on the part of the U.S. bomber which flew 2,000 miles from its Alaska base to the coast of the Soviet Union.

And Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash), while deploring the shooting, suggested that since the bomber WAS 600 miles west of the nearest U.S. territory at the tip of the Aleutian islands, and (the Air Force said) just 25 miles from the USSR, he could understand why Soviet planes might want to challenge it.

Every one of the sudden rash of plane "incidents" in the past week can be revealed by elementary examination as a shabby provocation designed to create war-whooping headlines.

The latest one outdid them all.

"A routine weather flight off the coast of Siberia," said the first dispatch in tones of injured innocence. Imagine for a

U.S. Patrol Plane, MIG Swap Fire Off Alaska

By BOB KNOX

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 17 (INS).—The U.S. Air Force announced today that an Alaska-based American reconnaissance plane on weather patrol exchanged ineffectual gunfire Saturday night with one of two Russian-built

Yesterday, the Daily Mirror, deliberately lied about where the planes 'incident' took place. Even the airforce admitted that it occurred near the Soviet coast.

moment a "routine weather flight" by a Soviet bomber off the coast of California.

This RB-50, an improved version of the B-29 Superfort bomber, was attached to the U. S. Strategic Air Command, which regularly and publicly speaks of its ability to deliver atom bombs to targets in the Soviet Union. One look at the map and the damaging location of the "X" which marks the spot so far from Alaska and right on the Soviet coast is revealing. So much so that two Senators had to speak out for greater caution.

But these facts did not inhibit

the Daily News, with the largest circulation in the land, from coming out with a blazing page one headline: "B-50 ROUTS MIG OFF ALASKA." Nor its Hearst tabloid companion the "Mirror" from headlining "U.S. Patrol Plane, MIG Swap Fire Off Alaska."

The amazing baldness of the war-whooping lie in the News and Mirror carries the whole upside-down, Alice in Wonderland "free world" hoax of a Soviet menace to its logical extreme. And the screaming jingo headline lies reveal the real purpose behind every one of these "incidents."

First there was the jet plane shot down by the Czechs. The American pilots involved refused to answer "for security reasons" the reasonable question as to why they never shot back if indeed they had been jumped while flying where they were supposed to be. This illuminated the incident at once.

There could be only one good reason why they couldn't use their guns and that is that they were indeed over Czechoslovakia as charged. Planes sent into Czechoslovakia to create an incident obviously would have orders not to fire back, because if they shot down a Czech plane in Czechoslovakia the aggressor would be clear to the world.

The plane fell on the German side of the border. This is totally meaningless, as admitted in the Herald Tribune by Walter Millis, who wrote, "Unfortunately, it (the plane the U. S. jet fell to earth) is no evidence at all as to the precise spot at which the interception took place."

Then there are those who say, "All right, suppose the planes did happen to go over the Czech border. Is that any way for a civilized country to act,

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B-50 ROUTS MIG OFF ALASKA

—Story on Page 2

THE PHONY war-scare headline in the Daily News

Planes

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to shoot at them." To this it might be suggested that when our Secretary of State announces a policy of wrecking, sabotage, murder, espionage in Czechoslovakia a la Hitler, it is not exactly reasonable to expect the Czechs to greet his war planes with bouquets.

With a change of U. S. foreign policy to a civilized one of peace, it is quite likely that our planes will be looked upon differently.

BRITISH BOMBER

Then there was the British bomber downed on the border of East Germany. Here the evidence was damning from the start. Most of the bomber fell in East Germany. Nonetheless the British Foreign Office issued a bristling note to the Soviet Union. It was said radar showed the plane had never strayed off its course, and the damaging evidence of used ammunition lying under machine guns was explained as being left lying around from previous target practice. This from the tidy British!

With headlines doing their bit to try to fan the lagging war hysteria and take the edge off Malenkov's offer of peaceful settlement, Churchill, pushed in Commons, had to admit the

British bomber "might have" crossed into East Germany!

Add them all together and it is clear enough what's going on.

The technique is simple. Anytime the "free world" gets worried about growing peace sentiment, it can send a plane where it doesn't belong. And the headlines in the "free world" press will do the rest.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

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Sports Writer - Daily Worker, 35 E. 12th St., New York, New York

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(U) LESTER RODNEY, more commonly known as LESTER
RODNEY, Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker," [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The subject was born LESTER RODNEY on 4/17/11 at
Brooklyn, NY. His parents, MAX and BELLE, were both born in
the United States. U

Marital Status

LESTER RODNEY married the former [REDACTED]
on 4/21/46. [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] on
12/11/18 at NY. Her father, MORRIS, was born in Russia and
her mother, SOPHIA, was born in Rumania. She had previously
been married to [REDACTED] LESTER RODNEY had
formerly been married to BETTY CHURMAN who was reported
deceased. RODNEY and his [REDACTED] have two children,
[REDACTED] U

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Race and Citizenship

LESTER RODNEY is white and is a citizen of the U.S. U

Education

RODNEY was reported to have attended New Utrecht
High School, Brooklyn, and to have attended the NY University
School of Journalism for two years. U

Employment

RODNEY has been employed by Freedom of the Press,
publishers of the "Daily Worker," since 1936. He has been

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NY 100-13292

Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" for many years and edits a column "On the Scoreboard." His office is at 35 East 12 Street, NYC, office of the "Daily Worker." u

Residence

LESTER RODNEY resides at 30 Fairview Avenue,
Apt. 2A, NYC. u

Military Service

LESTER RODNEY was reported to have served in the U. S. Army for 32 months as a male nurse, having seen service in the South Pacific. He was discharged from service on 1/3/46. u

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

(U) LESTER RODNEY has been a member of the CP since the early 1930's. He registered under the Communist banner in the 1936 elections. In the 5/1/37 issue of the "Daily Worker," his photograph appeared as a member of the staff of the "Daily Worker." The subject was reappointed to his position as Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" after his discharge from military service. X

(U) He was a member of the Veteran Committee for the election of ROBERT THOMPSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., CP candidates, in 1946. In 1940 RODNEY was reported a member of Branch 1, Section 3, of the NY County CP. In May 1948, he was a member of the Stuyvesant Section of the NY County CP. X

As a writer for the "Daily Worker," RODNEY not only reflected the CP line in his sports column but he also has written numerous articles of a political nature under his byline. In March 1947, he was one of the members of the "Daily Worker" staff who sent a telegram to the Secretary of Labor in Washington, D. C., which read, "We members of the 'Daily Worker' staff are Communists and war veterans. We append our serial numbers and war records. We would like to know if you would deny us our rights as American citizens. Please wire collect." u

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Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-13292

Besides his frequent articles in the "Daily Worker," RODNEY has been a frequent speaker at CP meetings and has received considerable publicity as such in the "Daily Worker." U

RODNEY was one of the persons who protested to Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA concerning the trial of the CP leaders in 1948. U

(U) RODNEY is a member of the IWO and is registered as a member of the ALP. X

The "Daily Worker" on 4/7/50 reported that RODNEY was one of four members of the "Daily Worker" staff who, together with BILL KORMAN and [redacted] would put on a basketball contest for the "Daily Worker" on the night of May 1. U

The "Daily Worker" ran an extensive fund-raising campaign to send LESTER RODNEY to the 1952 Olympic games at Helsinki. However, the State Department refused to grant RODNEY a passport which caused the "Daily Worker" to run an additional propaganda campaign on RODNEY'S behalf. U

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(U) In October 1952, [redacted] characterized LESTER RODNEY as one of the section heads in the "Daily Worker" office. X

(U) During 1953, informants have reported that [redacted] has been in frequent contact with LESTER and [redacted] [redacted] has been reported to be a person who is in contact with the CP underground. It was reported on 6/11/53 that [redacted] arranged to have her child stay with LESTER and [redacted] over the weekend while she went to Washington. X

(U) The name of LESTER RODNEY is included in the Security Index. X

(U) RODNEY has been selected as a person to approach in view of his close association with persons known to be important in the CP and in the CP underground and in view of his long tenure as Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker." X

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TO : MR. ~~H~~ BELMONT

DATE: October 2, 1953

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; [REDACTED] INTERNAL SECURITY - ~~X~~
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[REDACTED] Rodstein
has been employed by the publishers of the "Daily Worker" since 1936 and allegedly
he has been a member of the Communist Party since the early 1930's. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] we have previously developed [REDACTED], a reporter for
the "Daily Worker," who recently came under suspicion by the Communist Party due to
his uncontrolled use of intoxicants. Since the Communist Party has been
anticipating contacts by the FBI, we recently had [REDACTED] report to his
Communist Party superiors an approach by the Bureau which he, as a good comrade,
brushed off. We have contacted many other individuals in connection with the
"Daily Worker." [REDACTED]

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Publishers New Press, Inc. 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York.

Sports Editor, Daily Worker and The Worker

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa:
Lester Rodney
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Re SAC let #55-12, 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case

NY symbol informants mentioned herein have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated. U

"Daily Worker", issue of 5/1/37, page 8, contains subject's photograph and described him as a member of the "Daily Worker" staff. He is listed as LESTER RODNEY. U

(U) [redacted] made available a telegram dated 12/7/46, sent to HENRY ARMSTRONG, contents are as follows, "Please phone me any time this afternoon to make arrangements for taking you to American Youth for Democracy affair tomorrow night at which you are appearing."

(U) "/S/ LESTER RODNEY"

(U) [redacted] made available on 3/14/47, the contents of a telegram sent to Secretary of Labor SCHWELLENBACH by various members of the "Daily Worker" staff, including LESTER RODNEY, who described themselves as Communists and were veterans. X

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"New York Post", issue dated 6/10/47, reflects a letter to the editor signed LESTER RODNEY, which states in part, "Yes I am a Communist and a veteran". (U) U

[redacted] made available on 6/4/48, the June program of Village Forum, conducted by Lower West Side CP, listing LESTER RODNEY as one of the speakers. X

[redacted] made available on 6/8/48, a throwaway announcing a bazaar to be held on June 13 at LESTER RODNEY's house under auspices of Branch 2 Stuyvesant Section of the CP. X

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"Daily Worker", issue of 11/1/48, page 16, column 4, carried an article by LESTER RODNEY in which he stated, "as a Communist....." U

"New York Times", issue of 7/18/52, carried an article stating LESTER RODNEY, sports editor of the "Daily Worker", was denied a passport to cover the Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland, in 1952 on the grounds that subject admitted being a Communist in the "Daily Worker", 11/1/48. U

"Daily Worker", issue of 3/19/53, carried a feature article written by LESTER RODNEY pertaining to the three plane incidents wherein two US planes were shot down by Russian planes and a British plane shot down in East Germany. The article pointed out that the actions on the part of the Soviet Union were justified in that the American planes had clearly violated Soviet territory. U

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(U) [redacted] advised on 6/1/53, that [redacted] was authorized to convey messages for leaders of the CP underground in the Harlem area NYC. [redacted] advised [redacted] was in contact on 1/3/54 with LESTER and [redacted]. X

(U) [redacted] advised on 3/22/54, that LESTER RODNEY was in attendance at a LYL Club meeting held on 3/15/54. X

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(U) [redacted] advised on 5/24/54, LESTER RODNEY was a speaker at a LYL meeting held on 5/14/54. X

(U) [redacted] advised on 8/6/54, [redacted] held a conversation with [redacted] concerning personal activities. X

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(U) [] advised on 12/16/54, that LESTER RODNEY was a speaker at a meeting of the Maryland Labor Youth League on 12/12/54. ~~X~~

(U) [] advised on 2/8/55, that LESTER RODNEY was a speaker at a closed city-wide CP peace conference held on 2/5/55 in Phila. ~~X~~ //

(U) [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 2/7/55, LESTER RODNEY, sports editor of the "Daily Worker", was the principal speaker at an affair sponsored by Freedom of the Press Association on 2/5/55. ~~X~~ //

(U) [] advised on 9/18/54, PETTIS PERRY had conferred with LESTER RODNEY on 9/21, 25/54. (PERRY is one of the alternate members of the National Committee of the CP who was convicted for violation of the Smith Act in USDC, SDNY, on 1/21/53). ~~X~~ //

(U) [], US Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, made available to Bureau agents a Christmas card postmarked 12/23/54, addressed to [] and signed [] and LESTER RODNEY. Informant also made available a Christmas card postmarked 12/23/54, addressed to GUS HALL, signed by [] and LESTER RODNEY. ~~X~~

(U) [] made available on 3/3/55, photographs of material in possession of [] Included in this material were some files belonging to ALBERT E. BLUMBERG and maintained by [] prior to her imprisonment. [] is an indicted Cleveland Smith Act subject who, according to [] is currently National Trade Union Director, CP, USA. ~~X~~

(U) This material contained envelopes each identified with the initials of a person. All envelopes pertained to employees of the "Daily Worker". ~~X~~

(U) Pertinent portions of this material concerning L.R., believed to be LESTER RODNEY, are set out as follows: ~~X~~

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III.

1. "When and under what circumstances did you join the Party?"

(A) "In 1935, had begun to contribute articles to the Worker, was actually brought closer by the paper, recruited by a comrade on the paper, [redacted] at that time I was in a Brooklyn community at the time. I actually joined, and started functioning there."

4. "Who recruited you? Is that person in the Party now?"

(A) "Answered above. [redacted] He was in Party a year ago when last I knew."

7. "Have you ever been a full time Party functionary? Explain."

(A) "No. Except in the sense that membership on the staff is."

10. "Did you ever drop out of the Party?"

(A) "No."

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1. "What Party Club do you belong to?...."

(A) "A club known as the Press Club in South Inwood...."

3. "Do you attend branch meetings?"

(A) "Yes"

[redacted] advised, that on 3/16/55, one LES (believed to be LESTER RODNEY) contacted [redacted] at CP headquarters and discussed a time for them to get together for a talk.

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[] advised on 8/5/55, LESTER
RODNEY was working on the Sunday "Worker". U //

Recommendation

Retain on SI. ~~X~~ J. J. []

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Subject has been associated with the
"Daily Worker" since 1935 in the capacity of sports
editor and occasional feature writer. U

- (U) Subject has admitted in his column on
11/1/48, that he was a Communist. He wrote a letter
to the "New York Post" dated 6/10/47, which stated in
part, "Yes I am a Communist and a veteran". Subject was
a speaker at a Village Forum conducted by Lower West
Side CP, this information was made available by []
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- (U) Subject was refused a passport by the
State Department to attend the Olympic Games held at
Helsinki, Finland, in 1954, on grounds he had allegedly
admitted he was a Communist in his column in Nov., 1948. ~~X~~

- (U) [] made available on 3/3/55, a
questionnaire and answers found in possession of []
[]. This questionnaire is believed to be directed to
employees of the "Daily Worker" and the one marked with
initials L.R. is believed to relate to subject. In this
material, subject stated he had been in the Party since
1935 and had never dropped out of the Party and that at
that time, he was a member of the Press Club in South
Inwood. Dates are not available, however, at outset of
questions, the answer to question 1: "How old are you,
nationality, where were you born?", the answers appear
as follows: "Forty-two this April. Born in New York.
My parents Jewish both born in U.S." ~~X~~

Subject indicated on his Marriage License,
as reflected in records in the Marriage Record room in
the Hall of Records, Brooklyn, that he was born in
Brooklyn, NY, on 4/17/11. Father and mother born in US.
Assuming subject was person who answered questionnaire, U

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from the admissions that he would be forty-two next April, and his date of birth was 4/17/11, this would make this information current prior to Apr. in 1953. *u*

Detcom Tabbing

1. Presently tabbed.
2. Not tabbed under new criteria no SI cards received from Bureau bearing "Detcom" stamp in large red letters.
3. Not recommended for Detcom tabbing inasmuch as subject's activities do not come within criteria set forth in SAC let #55-12(A); 2/10/55. *X*

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 11/8/54

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa
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December 7, 1955

Director, FBI (100-46858)

LESTER RODSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

"The Washington Post and Times Herald" for November 30, 1955, contained an article reflecting that the captioned subject listed under the name of Lester Rodney, Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker," would receive a passport to cover the Winter Olympic Games in Italy. This article reflected that the State Department would issue the subject a passport good only for two months instead of the customary two years, its expiration date being March 1, 1956. U

A review of Bureau file in this matter reflects that the last report from your office concerning the subject was the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 3, 1950. In order that this case may be brought up to date, it is requested that you immediately submit a summary report reflecting the results of your investigation of this subject. This report should reach the Bureau within thirty days from receipt of Bulet. U

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in SI. Prior reports regarding the subject have been previously disseminated to the State Department. Subject attempted to secure a passport for the Olympic Games held at Helsinki, Finland, in 1952, but was refused a passport by the State Department at that time. X

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Worker's Sports Editor To Get Passport to Italy

N. Y. Herald Tribune News Service

The sports editor of the Communist newspaper The Daily Worker will get a passport to cover the Winter Olympic Games in Italy, but it will be sharply restricted.

The editor, Lester Rodney, who made public a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles demanding such a passport, will be advised within the next few days that he will be able to proceed to Italy, but nowhere else.

The State Department will issue him a passport good only for about two months, instead of the customary two years with the privilege of a two-year renewal. Its expiration date will be March 1, 1956. The Games start in January.

Also, his passport will read that it is valid only for travel from the United States to Italy and return, only with such transportation stopovers on a

direct route as are necessary. Normally, United States passports are good for travel anywhere in the world provided proper visas are obtained when necessary.

The Department would make no public comment on the special type of passport issued in this case.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Sizoo _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Lester Rodney

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Wash. Star _____
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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 10/3/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-13292)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)
SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa
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DATE: 12/30/55

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[] advised SA [] on 12/23/55, —
that subject told him he was going to Paris on 1/9/56, to
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Summary report re subject has been prepared for
dictation by NYO, but awaiting documentations and necessary
information for report from auxiliary offices, who have been
advised of the expediency of this report. u

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)
SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa
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DATE: 1/6/56

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 13 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/14/55-1/5/56	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] kid
TITLE LESTER RODSTEIN, wa: Lester Rodney			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SUMMARY REPORT

SUMMARY

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Subject born 4/17/11, NY, NY; served US Army 7/1/42 to 1/3/46; employed by Freedom of the Press, publishers of "Daily Worker," since 1936; currently resides 30 Fairview Avenue, NY, NY. Admitted CP membership in writings; reliable informant stated subject CP member; activities speeches, and writings in behalf of CP and contacts with CP leaders set out. Reported leaving 1/9/56 for Europe to cover Winter Olympics. Subject's [redacted] reported CP member. Subject refused to talk to FBI agents. Physical description set out.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND OF SUBJECTAt New York, New YorkA. Birth Data

Birth records of the Borough of Manhattan, maintained by the Department of Health, New York, U.S. State Legat Rome

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New York, reflected that LESTER RODSTEIN was born at New York City, New York, on April 17, 1911. His father was MAY RODSTEIN, born in New York City, and his mother was BELLA COTTON RODSTEIN, also born in New York City. *NY*

B. Education

The records of the Registrar's Office, New York University (NYU), Washington Square, New York, New York, show that the subject registered at NYU in September 1930 as LESTER RODSTEIN, 2444 83rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, and attended irregularly until June of 1932 when he had earned four credits in the study of journalism. He listed his high school as New Utrecht in Brooklyn, New York. *U*

C. Marital Status

The records of the Marriage License Record Room, Hall of Records, Brooklyn, New York, show that LESTER RODNEY and BESSIE C. SHERMAN obtained marriage certificate 1866, issued September 13, 1937. RODNEY listed his address as 590 Second Street, Brooklyn, New York, that he was born April 17, 1911, his father's name was MAX and his mother's name was BELLE COTTON, both born in the United States. *U*

SHERMAN'S address was given as 1802 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. She was born July 10, 1918, in the Bronx, New York. *U*

The records showed that RODNEY and SHERMAN were married by Reverend ABRAHAM LEIBOWITZ, 1800 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, on September 16, 1937. *U*

The records of the License Bureau, Municipal Building, New York, New York, show that marriage certificate number 12078 was issued to LESTER RODNEY and [redacted] who were married in New York on April 21, 1946. *U*

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RODNEY gave his address as 112 East 16th Street, New York, New York; birth as April 17, 1911, at New York City; occupation, journalist; his father as MAX and his mother as BELLE COTTON, both born in the United States. He stated it was his second marriage, his first wife having died in 1944. *C.P. 100-13292*

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[redacted] also gave her residence as [redacted] New York, New York, date of birth as [redacted] at New York, New York; occupation executive; father, MORRIS WEINSTEIN, who was born in Russia, and her mother as SOPHIE GOLDSTEIN, born in Rumania. She stated that this was also her second marriage, her first husband, RAYMOND FRIEDLANDER, having died in 1944. *U*

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T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in *April*, 1950, that as of that date the subject advised he was married on April 21, 1946, to [redacted] and that he had two children, [redacted] born [redacted] and [redacted] born [redacted] *U*

D. Military Service Record

At St. Louis, Missouri

The records of the Defense Military Personnel Records Center, as reviewed December 29, 1955, by SE [redacted] indicated that LESTER RODNEY, Army Serial Number 32355453, was inducted into the United States Army on June 17, 1942, entered on Active duty July 1, 1942, at Fort Jay, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged on January 3, 1946, as a private at the Separation Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey, for reason of "demobilization." *U*

RODNEY served in the Enlisted Reserve Corps from June 17, 1942, to June 30, 1942, no additional reserve status was indicated. He served two years, seven months and three days foreign service in the Asiatic- *U*

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Pacific Theater of Operations. RODNEY participated in the battles and campaigns of New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star. U

RODNEY'S character and efficiency were rated from "unknown" to "superior." There was no record of any courts martial or Absent Without Official Leaves. RODNEY was qualified for non-combat duty only because of poor vision. U

This record showed that RODNEY was born April 17, 1911, at New York City, New York, height 5'6 3/4" weight 150 pounds, race white, hair brown, eyes brown, dark complexion, medium build and fair posture. The subject was listed as having two years of college, was a sports writer and newspaper reporter for five years prior to being in the service. In the Military, he was a medical technician and male nurse. U

His home addresses were 1569 Ocean Avenue in 1942, 1663 Ocean Parkway from 1943 to 1946, and 1930 East 17th Street in 1946, all Brooklyn, New York. His relatives were given as BELLE RODNEY PENN, mother, 1663 N 7 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York; [redacted], New York City, wife, (no full address given), and Mrs. [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, marital status at the time of discharge was given as widower. His Social Security Number was given as 121-05-8572. U

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E. Identification Record

At Washington, D.C.

The records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., U

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showed the subject has FBI Number 584 354B, showing fingerprint class: U

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as submitted June 17, 1942, at Fort Jay, New York. U

F. Employment

At New York, New York

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The records of T-1 show that as of March 4, 1950, the subject stated that he was employed by Freedom of the Press, 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York, since 1936 as a journalist for the "Daily Worker,"

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist daily newspaper. U

A pretext telephone call to the subject's on January 14, 1956 revealed that the subject as of that date was still employed by the "Daily Worker". U

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G. Residences

The records of the Registrar, NYU, Washington Square, New York, show that the subject, as of September, 1930, resided at 2444 83rd Street, Brooklyn, New York. U

The records of the Marriage License Record Room, Brooklyn, New York, show that as of September, 1937, the subject resided at 590 Second Street, Brooklyn, New York. U

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York, New York, in October, 1941, show as of April, 1938, the subject resided at 48-11 45th Street, Sunnyside, New York, and as of October, 1940, 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, New York. U

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(U) T-2, who has provided reliable information in the past, on October 24, 1941, provided records which showed that as of October, 1940, the subject resided at 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, New York, and followed by 1569 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. ~~X~~

The subject's army service record showed that in 1942 the subject listed his address as 1569 Ocean Avenue; in 1943-1946, 1663 Ocean Parkway, and in 1946, 1930 East 17th Street, all Brooklyn, New York. U

The records of the Marriage License Bureau, Municipal Building, New York, New York, show that as of April, 1946, RODNEY listed his address as 112 East 16th Street, New York, New York. U

(U) T-4, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1950, that the subject and his wife were residing at Apartment 2A, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York, New York. ~~X~~

A pretext telephone call on January 1, 1956, to the subject's [] revealed that the subject and his [] as of January, 1956, resided at 30 Fairview Avenue, New York, New York. U

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II. INDICATIONS OF SUBJECT'S COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MEMBERSHIP

The records of the Board of Elections, Municipal Building, Brooklyn, New York, showed that on October 6, 1936, one LESTER RODSTEIN, register number 377, registered as a Communist voter in the 5th Election District of the 12th Assembly District of Kings County, New York. His address was given as 529 Second Street, Brooklyn, and he described himself as 25 years of age, born in the United States, 25 years in the state, 18 years in the county, and three years in the election district. U

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It is to be noted that the records of the Marriage License Bureau show that as of September, 1937, the subject listed his address as 590 Second Street, Brooklyn, New York. U

(U) In March, 1947, T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was one of the members of the "Daily Worker" staff who, prior to March 14, 1947, prepared a telegram to be sent to the then Secretary of Labor Mr. SCHWELLENBACH in Washington, D.C., which read: ~~X~~

(U) "We members of the 'Daily Worker' staff are Communists and war veterans. We append our serial numbers and war records. We would like to know if you would deny us our rights as American citizens. Please wire collect." ~~X~~

The "New York Post" of June 10, 1947, in its "Letters to the Editor" showed the following letter written by one LESTER RODNEY: U

"Dear Editor:

"In the 6/3 editorial you wrote:

"'If we mean to withdraw the privileges of citizenship from all Communists, by all means, let's do so.....boldly and forthrightly,'

"The 6/5 New York Times carries a picture of the American military cemetery at Nettuno, Italy, where 6,791 of our hero dead are buried. This is what I'd like to know: would you advocate the 'withdrawal' from the Nettuno Cemetery of the bodies of American Communists like HANK FORBES, former New York Communist leader, who fell for their country

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"at Anzio? Yes, I am a Communist and a veteran.

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"LESTER RODNEY"

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T-7, who has provided reliable information in the past, in May, 1948, provided a three page attendance list giving name, section and county, which was compiled sometime prior to May 25, 1948. The name of LESTER RODNEY appears on this list and is in the Stuyvesant Section in Manhattan County. ~~X~~

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T-7, in June, 1948, provided the June, 1948, program of the Village Forum conducted by the Lower West Side CP, which listed LESTER RODNEY as one of the speakers ~~X~~

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T-7 provided, in June, 1948, a "throwaway" announcing a bazaar to have been held June 13, 1948, from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m., at the RODNEYS', 112 East 16th Street, first floor, under the auspices of Branch Two, Stuyvesant Section of the CP. ~~X~~

In the November 1, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 16, column 4, LESTER RODNEY, in his column entitled "On the Scoreboard," stated, "but in addition to being a sports writer, I happen to be a Communist.,.,.,," u

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In May of 1949, T-7 provided a mimeographed invitation to a party to have taken place at LESTER RODNEY'S home on June 15, 1949, and the party, on the invitation, was described as "The party of the year for the Party," ~~X~~

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On November 9, 1949, the New York City Police Department made available to SA AUGUST J. MICEK the 1949 CP Independent Nominating Petitions of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as candidate for City Councilman, 21st Congressional District, Manhattan. ~~X~~

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These petitions showed that LESTER RODNEY of 112 East 16th Street, New York City, solicited these nominating petitions in behalf of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS during August and September, 1949. U

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was convicted on October 14, 1949, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. U

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In March of 1955, T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a copy of a CP Security Questionnaire which appeared to be executed by the subject and was in the possession of ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, indicted for violation of Smith Act of 1940, on October 6, 1954, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. T-9 also provided a list of questions which were answered in the security questionnaire. X

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In answer to what was believed to be the question, "When and under what circumstances did you join the Party?" the subject answered; X

(U) "In 1935, had begun to contribute articles to 'The Worker,' was actually brought close by the paper, recruited by a comrade on the paper, DEXTER at that time, was in a Brooklyn community at the time. I actually joined, and started functioning there." X

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In answer to the question, "Have you ever been a full-time Party functionary? Explain." the subject answered, "No, except in the sense that membership on the staff is." X

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In answer to the question, "Did you ever drop out of the Party?" the subject answered "No." X

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In answer to the question, "What Party club do you belong to? Industrial or Community? Where? Give Details," the subject answered:

"A club known as the Press Club in South Inwood, though that name is being changed. Community. In the area from Fairview Avenue, north of 190 St. on Broadway, up to 193 St, roughly. I function as section press director."

To the question, "Do you pay dues regularly? How much?" the subject answered, "Yes, \$1 a month, plus 25¢ sustaining."

To the question "Do you attend branch meetings?" the subject answered "Yes."

To the question, "Have you ever attended any Party schools? Explain." the subject answered:

"I have attended Party schools of several weeks duration---nights---in Brooklyn before the war several times, don't remember which years, on section, county levels. Most recent was few years ago seminar for teachers in Manhattan."

In answer to the question, "How long have you been on the paper?" the subject answered "since 1936."

In answer to the question, "Do you ever teach any classes? Where? What subjects?" the subject answered:

"Yes, taught in Brooklyn and Manhattan communities. New Members classes in Flatbush, East Midtown, various integrated Marxist classes on section level also. Most recent however, was two years ago, in section classes on Negro Question, Manhattan, Inwood Wash. Ht."

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In answer to the question, "Do you ever lecture for the Party or the paper? Do you take pay?" RODNEY answered:

(U) "Yes. Do not take pay. Am invited by specific groups who call me at the paper to make an appointment to speak, am usually assigned in the office to speak."

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T-10, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in December, 1955, that LESTER RODNEY has been an employee of the "Daily Worker" since before World War II, then was in the service and has been continuously so employed as of December, 1955.

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T-10 said that LESTER RODNEY is definitely a CP member and is going to Paris on January 9, 1956, to cover the Winter Olympics.

III. CP AND CP FRONT ACTIVITIES

The "Daily Worker" of May 1, 1937, page 10, provided the subject's photograph, describing him as a member of the staff of the "Daily Worker." U

The records of the Board of Elections, Municipal Building, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that in October, 1940, LESTER RODNEY registered American Labor party (ALP) in the voters' registry number 680, in the 7th election District of the 12th Assembly District of Kings County, New York. He stated that his address was 618 Sixth Street, Brooklyn, New York and that he was born in the United States and was 29 years old. U

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T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among

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three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. T-11 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State. X

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T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the CP today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constitutes the force that controls it. X

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

ANDREW T. PARK, former District Attorney of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, now deceased, advised sometime prior to June 12, 1941, that LESTER RODNEY, 1569 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, sometime prior to June 12, 1941, was listed as one of the many persons who protested by letter or telegram the fact that 29 Communists in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had to place compliance bonds to the Superior Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, following their arrest for circulating Communist petitions. U

At New York, New York

The "Daily Worker" of June 22, 1942, showed that the subject had been inducted into the United States Army. U

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T-6 advised in January, 1947, that LESTER RODNEY was to speak at an affair of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) around January, 1947. ~~X~~

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The "Daily Worker" of May 18, 1947, page 9, columns 1, 2 and 3, showed an article written by LESTER RODNEY entitled "A Vet's Encampment That Was Different," in which RODNEY states: U

"There have been many conventions held in our nation's capital, but it's doubtful if any convention of 400 Americans ever hit Washington with quite the impact of the two days Communist Veterans Encampment. (Held May 8 and 9, 1947) U

"Here was something decidedly new, something different. Here was a delegation of front-line veterans of our great war for national existence come to work out and present a program for the neglected needs of our millions of veterans and for the democratic welfare of the whole land..... U

"They (the CP veterans) asked respectfully but firm in their rights as veterans for American democracy for an end to the witchhunts, the drives against the civil liberties of the Communists and other progressives, the drive against the rights of the working people of America and the infamous Truman Doctrine..... U

"This was the temper of these tough-minded, militant young Americans from every part U

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"of our country - white and Negro, worker, farmer, well and disabled - Americans and Communists - patriots, fighters. U

"Washington saw the face of the Communist Party, with names, ranks and serial numbers. And with it the face of the American people from where the Party springs. U

"The First National Encampment of the Communist Veterans will not soon be forgotten." U

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T-6 advised in February, 1948, that there was a party at the home of LESTER RODNEY of the "Daily Worker" staff, on January 21, 1948, and the guests prepared a telegram to be sent to a New York City councilman: ~~X~~

(U) "We are voting residents of Manhattan not Brooklyn, but we are concerned with good government anywhere in our city. Urge you immediately end shameful runaround of S.W. GERSON, legal successor to the late Councilman CACCHIONE, was elected by 75,000 Brooklynites now disenfranchised." ~~X~~

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The telegram was signed by LESTER RODNEY of 112 East 16th Street, among others. ~~X~~

PETER CACCHIONE was the CP electee for city councilman in Brooklyn, New York, who died November 6, 1947. U

(U) SIMON GERSON, according to T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in March of 1955, was in charge of the New York State CP. ~~X~~

The records of the Board of Elections, for New York County, showed that in 1947 and 1948 the subject registered from 112 East 16th Street, New York City, as a member of the ALP. U

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T-7 provided, in January, 1949, a list of speakers from the "Daily Worker" compiled prior to January 26, 1949. LESTER RODNEY was listed among these speakers. ~~A~~

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T-7, in February, 1949, provided a list of employees of the Freedom of the Press Company, publishers of the "Daily Worker," whereon the name of LESTER RODNEY, 112 East 16th Street, appeared. ~~A~~

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T-7, in March of 1949, provided a pay envelope from Freedom of the Press Company, publishers of the "Daily Worker," for LESTER RODNEY, which was made sometime prior to March 18, 1949. ~~X~~

Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, provided, sometime prior to September, 1949, information that LESTER RODNEY, 112 East 16th Street, was one of the persons who protested to Judge MEDINA concerning the trial of the CP leaders in New York City in 1948. This protest was signed prior to September 20, 1948, and on May 9, 1949, the subject protested as discriminatory the method of hand picking juries and the indictment of the 12 CP leaders and stated that such proceedings were unconstitutional and un-American. ~~U~~

~~U~~ (U) T-14, who has provided reliable information in the past, in ~~Jan.~~ of 1951, provided a list of names showing that LESTER RODNEY, born 1911, appeared on an International Workers Order (IWO) general office membership list for Lodge 525, New York, New York. The subject stated entry was given as May, 1949, and his certificate number as 411268. ~~X~~

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"The Worker" (Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker") of July 13, 1952, Section 1, page 3, columns 4 and 5, and page 6, column 3, contained an article, "State Department Bars 'Worker' Writer From Olympics," which pertained to RODNEY'S not receiving a passport. U

The "Daily Worker" of February 5, 1953, page 7, column 3, contained LESTER RODNEY'S column "On the Scoreboard" wherein RODNEY comments on the sentence of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, convicted Smith Act subject, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953: U

"After the soaring dignity and stature of these great Americans (those CP leaders convicted of the Smith Act) and the things they believe in and had said, MILES LANE (United States Attorney, Southern District of New York) arose and grceded 'They have shown no remorse, no sorrow for their misdeeds'.....What GURLEY FLYNN, PETTIS PERRY and the others had said the day before, what GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY had said was not on the radio or over TV. Oh, no. Only some 200 people heard it. But through the land the people who now 'also hate the Korean War' are stirring, anxious and wondering. The truth can move like lightning in days like these. We must see that the people get the truth....the truth in our paper, the people's paper." U

PETTIS PERRY and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN were convicted under the Smith Act of 1940, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, January 21, 1953. U

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T-7, in June of 1953, provided a copy of a letter, dated August 10, 1951, written by the subject, which the subject addressed to the editor of the "New York Times," wherein he stated: ~~X~~

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- (U) "It has been interestingly demonstrated that the private ownership of the press by wealthy interests with no responsibility to the people does not really guarantee a 'free press,' but in practice can guarantee quite the opposite. Can the disturbing truth behind this censorship

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"of the Soviet reply be found in the fact that our war-bent administration, admittedly afraid of a 'peace scare,' does not dare let our people receive the Soviet message since it would go a long way toward puncturing the great hoax of our day, that our country is threatened by 'Soviet aggression'?" ~~X~~

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T-15, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1954, that LESTER RODNEY and his attended a jamboree held on the evening of February 19, 1954, at Hunts Point Palace, Bronx, New York, in conjunction with the national convention of the Labor Youth League (LYL). ~~X~~

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The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. ~~X~~

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T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in May, 1954, identified LESTER RODNEY as having been at the 1952 May Day Parade, described as "an annual mobilization of Communist strength" by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 179. ~~X~~

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T-14 in June of 1954 provided a membership list of the IWO which showed LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York 33, New York, was a member of Lodge 525J, certificate 411268, date joined May, 1949. ~~X~~

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T-17 in June of 1955 advised that he received information that LESTER RODNEY was leaving the "Daily Worker" sports desk but would stay in another capacity. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" of December 2, 1955, page 7, column 4, contained LESTER RODNEY'S column "On the Scoreboard" wherein he stated: ~~X~~

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"It is solid to win for our paper the right to cover the olympic games, a right denied us by the State Department three years ago. Freedom of the press is far from a dead letter in our country in spite of all these years of cold war persecution by those who would like to silence us.....It is very exciting to look forward to going to Italy for the 'Daily Worker.'" U.

IV. CONTACT WITH THE CP LEADERSHIP

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T-18, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided in December, 1951, information that the subject sent Christmas greetings to JOHN WILLIAMSON in December of 1951. X

JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted of the Smith Act in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, October 14, 1949. U

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T-19, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1953, that LESTER RODNEY advised that he had obtained World Series tickets for PETTIS PERRY. X

PETTIS PERRY was convicted for violation of the Smith Act in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953. U; 10-14-54

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T-20, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that LESTER RODNEY and his [redacted] were in contact in 1953 and 1954 with [redacted] and on January 10, 1954, RODNEY'S [redacted] tried to have [redacted] attend a party for children of the "Smith Act victims" on January 16, 1954. X

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T-21, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised on June 1, 1953, that X

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[redacted] was the West Side Railroad Coordinator of the New York County CP. ~~X~~

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Mrs. Silver Reiter
T-22, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised on August 13, 1953, that [redacted] was authorized to convey messages for the CP Underground in the New York area. ~~X~~

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T-23, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in March of 1954 that [redacted] contacted LESTER RODNEY'S [redacted] regarding dinner at the RODNEY'S home on March 5, 1954. ~~X~~

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According to T-23, [redacted] contacted [redacted] to remind him that she would see him at the RODNEY'S home on March 5, 1954. ~~X~~ *Ms. John Williamson*

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T-24, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in November of 1952 that [redacted] worked in the educational department of the CP, USA, in the National CP Office and was usually connected with cultural work for the CP. ~~X~~ *NJ*

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[redacted] is the [redacted] of JOHN WILLIAMSON. *U*

T-25, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 21 and 25, 1954, that PETTIS PERRY contacted LESTER RODNEY relative to securing tickets to the World Series. ~~X~~

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T-19 advised on September 27, 1954, that PETTIS PERRY on this date wanted LESTER RODNEY to "pick up something" for him. ~~X~~

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T-26, who has provided reliable information in the past, provided the following information in February of 1955: ~~X~~

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RODNEY and his [] sent Christmas greetings to EUGENE DENNIS in December of 1954. ~~X~~

EUGENE DENNIS was convicted October 14, 1949, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act. ~~U~~

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RODNEY and his [] sent Christmas greetings to JOHN GATES in December of 1954. ~~X~~

JOHN GATES was convicted October 14, 1949, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act. ~~U~~

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RODNEY and his [] sent Christmas greetings in December, 1954, to ROBERT THOMPSON, who was convicted October 14, 1949, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. ~~X~~

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T-27, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided information in January, 1955, that LESTER RODNEY and his [] sent Christmas greetings in December, 1954, to BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, who was convicted October 14, 1949, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act, and ROLAND CHRISTOFFEL, who, according to JOHN LAUTNER, in April, 1951, attended National Committee CP meetings in the late 1930's, LAUTNER is a former CP member for over 20 years, who at the time of his expulsion was chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission. ~~X~~

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T-28, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in December, 1954, and January, 1955, that the subject and his wife sent Christmas greetings to: ~~X~~

(U) CARL WINTER, who was convicted on October 14, 1949, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act. ~~X~~

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(U) [] who was convicted for harboring ROBERT THOMSON, with whom he was arrested on August 27, 1953, at Twain Harte, California. ~~X~~

(U) GUS HALL, who is also a convicted Smith Act subject in Southern District of New York, October 14, 1949. ~~X~~

(U) T-29, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1955, that RODNEY and his wife sent Christmas greetings in 1954 to [] who was convicted on April 1, 1952, United States District Court for the State of Maryland, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. ~~X~~

(U) T-30, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1955, that LESTER RODNEY was in contact with BENJAMIN DAVIS sometime during April, 1955. ~~X~~

(U) T-17 advised in April of 1955 that on April 25, 1955, LESTER RODNEY contacted [] and desired to speak to her at CP Headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York. ~~X~~

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[] is currently under indictment for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and was apprehended on November 1, 1954, in New York, New York. ~~X~~

(U) ~~X~~ [] T-19 advised on August 9, 1955, that [] tried to contact LESTER RODNEY on that date. ~~X~~ NI

(U) T-21 advised on March 30, 1953, that [] is on a par with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, New York County Organizer, in influence, policy making and administration of New York County CP affairs. ~~X~~

(U) T-19 advised in August of 1955 that LESTER RODNEY tried to contact [] on August 17, 1955. ~~X~~

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V. SPEECHES OF THE SUBJECT

The "Daily Worker" of January 31, 1952, page 7, column 3, stated that LESTER RODNEY of the "Daily Worker" staff spoke at a "Freedom Association" meeting - in Washington Heights, New York. U

(U) T-7 on November 21, 1950, provided a letter dated October 28, 1950, with the letterhead "Communist Party, USA" reflecting, in part, the following: ~~X~~

(U) "We have been informed that a new publication entitled 'Freedom' is to be issued early next week by the Freedom Associates. The organ, as we are informed will be a popular anti-imperialist journal which will interpret events in Negro life in the United States as well as the national and colonial movement. It is our view that such anti-imperialist expressiondeserves the support of all progressive anti-fascists, and certainly the Communist Party," ~~X~~

The August 26, 1952, issue of "Magyar Jovo" reported LESTER RODNEY to be one of the guest speakers at a gathering on August 27, 1952, at the Hungarian House, 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York, celebrating the American and Hungarian teams at the Olympics in Helsinki. U

(U) JOHN LAUTNER advised on October 12, 1950, that among the Hungarian Communists in the United States, the "Magyar Jovo" was regarded as their most important item of endeavor. ~~X~~

At New Haven, Connecticut

(U) T-31, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1953, that a "Daily ~~X~~

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Worker" and CP Fund Drive meeting was held at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on January 17, 1953. ~~X~~

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The informant stated that LESTER RODNEY of the "Daily Worker" was the principal speaker and his talk related to the history of the "Daily Worker." According to T-31, money was collected at this meeting and part of the sum was to be given to the CP. ~~X~~

At New York, New York

The "Daily Worker" of March 16, 1953, page 3, column 5, announced that LESTER RODNEY was to speak on March 17, 1953, at a meeting organized by the Kings Highway Freedom of the Press Committee. U

The National Committee for Freedom of the Press has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The "Daily Worker" of March 19, 1953, page 1, column 1, reported LESTER RODNEY'S speech of the preceding Tuesday and stated as follows: U

"45 Kings Highwayites heard 'Daily Worker' writer LESTER RODNEY talk on the press Tuesday night and made plans to up the tempo of their circulation drive.....The theme stressed by RODNEY that despite all the frantic Red baiting of the press, radio, TV, magazine, movie, comic book, etc. the common sense of the people cannot be submerged as witness the stubborn insistence on peace in Korea shown in the polls." U

The "Daily Worker" of October 16, 1953, page 4, column 1, reported that LESTER RODNEY participated in a discussion concerning Hollywood movies at the Jefferson School of Social Science. U

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T-32, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in March of 1954, that LESTER RODNEY had attended a meeting of the 7th Assembly District Labor Youth League Club on March 15, 1954, at 70 West 107th Street, Apartment 4A, New York City. LESTER RODNEY discussed sports in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), Negroes in sports and that many people of the United States are in sympathy with the left-wing movement. X

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T-15 advised in May of 1954 that LESTER RODNEY attended a forum-social sponsored by the Club Tremont, Bronx Labor Youth League, held on May 14, 1954, at 862 Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York. The informant reported that sports were discussed by RODNEY and no political discussion was held. X

The "Daily Worker" of December 8, 1954, page 7, column 5, stated that LESTER RODNEY was to speak at the Lee Hotel, 1414 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Maryland, under the auspices of the Maryland Labor Youth League, the Sunday following December 8, 1954. The public was invited. U

At Baltimore, Maryland

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T-33, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in December of 1954, that the subject spoke at a meeting of the Labor Youth League at the Lee Hotel on Sunday, December 12, 1954, at which meeting RODNEY discussed sports, discrimination in sports, that our athletes have discovered that the Russians are very much like other people, and the activities of the "Daily Worker." X

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At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On 2/3/55, T-34, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LESTER RODNEY of the "Daily Worker" was invited to address the 31st Anniversary Celebration of the "Daily Worker" to be held on February 5, 1955, at 2026 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia. RODNEY was asked to give a 20 to 25 minute talk and further arrangements would be made for him to appear at an affair on February 6, 1955, in Philadelphia. ~~X~~

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T-35, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February of 1955 that LESTER RODNEY was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Freedom of the Press Association on February 5, 1955, at Bukier Hall, 2026 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. ~~X~~

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RODNEY was introduced by DAVID DAVIS, convicted on August 13, 1954, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. RODNEY spoke on the Formosan situation and criticized the United States for intervening. He said the United States had absolutely no reason to become involved in China's affairs. ~~X~~

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He further commented that the MATUSOW case is a good example of how the United States Justice Department obtains people and professional witnesses to lie for them in prosecuting members of the Communist Party and other political groups. ~~X~~

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RODNEY stated that in the LIGHTFOOT case (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was convicted in Chicago for violating the Smith Act of 1940, on January 26, 1955), the jury voted seven to five on the first vote taken to acquit LIGHTFOOT. However, the judge told the jury that they must return a verdict of guilty, and that is what happened, according to RODNEY. ~~X~~

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RODNEY then told some sports anecdotes. ~~X~~

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- (U) In conclusion, RODNEY advised that the "Daily Worker" does not receive any financial support from Moscow. He further advised that the advertisements carried by the "Daily Worker" had declined because FBI agents "hung around" the newsstands where the "Daily Worker" is sold and chase the customers away. ~~X~~
- (U) T-36, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1955, concerning the above-mentioned meeting, that RODNEY said that he could see the change in people's reaction to the CP. RODNEY said that he was guest of honor at a meeting attended by 2,500 which indicated that the Communists are getting stronger. He said that they were getting the "paper to the people" and that people all over the country are getting interested in the CP. RODNEY said: ~~X~~
- (U) "We are no longer looked upon as an opposition but a ways and means to help build a better country for the laboring class of people." ~~X~~
- (U) He said the propagandists are losing ground in this country and that people no longer look upon Communists and frown, "They want to talk to you and after we tell them the truth they go away feeling different about Communists." ~~X~~
- (U) RODNEY also commented that the State Department is trying its best to start a war with Red China. ~~X~~
- (U) T-37, T-38, T-39, T-40, T-41, T-42 and T-43, all of whom have provided reliable information in the past, advised in February and March, 1955, substantially the same as T-35 and T-36 concerning this meeting of February 5, 1955, at which the subject spoke. ~~X~~
- (U) T-41 advised in February, 1955, that on February 6, 1955, LESTER RODNEY spoke at a delegate conference of various Philadelphia CP clubs which met at ~~X~~

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2026 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
T-41 said that RODNEY said substantially the same as he did
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The other speakers on the program were DAVID
DAVIS and JOSEPH KUZMA, who was convicted for violating
the Smith Act of 1940 in Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
on August 13, 1954. ~~X~~

At Chicago, Illinois

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T-44, who has furnished reliable information in
the past, advised in March, 1955, that LESTER RODNEY spoke
at a meeting of the Freedom of the Press at 3142 South
Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, on March 13, 1955.
LESTER RODNEY followed CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in his speech ~~X~~

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RODNEY discussed the Far Eastern situation
and said that the "Daily Worker" is the only newspaper
that prints the true situation. He pointed out that is the
only paper in the United States that does not depend upon
large advertisements for its existence, noting that the
workers support the paper. ~~X~~

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T-45, who has furnished reliable information in
the past, in March of 1955, in regard to the above-
described meeting, stated that RODNEY spoke on the United
States foreign policy in Formosa and the United States was
on the spot for supporting CHIANG Kai-chek and that even
right wing newspapers carried editorials warning the
American people of the possible results of this policy.
He stated that there were many people in the United States
who were beginning to doubt the wisdom of jailing
Communists and that as of yet we do not have fascism in
America. ~~X~~

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RODNEY stated after the arrest and conviction
of leading Communists, arrests of other members did not
follow. He said that no concentration camps have been set
up and that MATUSOW and others employed by the FBI have
exposed the government's frameup of leading Communists. ~~X~~

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He stated that the government has failed to rearrest and imprison leading Communists who had been convicted on conspiracy charges and the "Daily Worker" has not yet been outlawed. ~~X~~

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T-46 and T-47, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March of 1955 substantially the same as T-44 and T-45 regarding this meeting in Chicago on March 13, 1955. ~~X~~

At Detroit, Michigan

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T-48, who has furnished reliable information in the past, but whose original sources are unknown, advised in April of 1955 that on April 3, 1955, LESTER RODNEY was the principal speaker at a "Daily Worker" circulation drive meeting held at the Parkside Hall, Detroit, Michigan. ~~X~~

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LESTER RODNEY said he talked to New York just prior to coming to the meeting and learned they had topped the subscription drive for the first time in five years. He said he was delighted and felt that this was a sign that the liberal movement was on the way up. ~~X~~

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VI. WRITINGS OF THE SUBJECT
REGARDING CP MEMBERSHIP, ADHERENCE TO THE
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At New York, New York

The September 16, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker" contains an article which states that LESTER RODNEY, former Sports Writer of the "Daily Worker", was with the 15th Army Corp Service Command in the Southwest Pacific. The article stated that RODNEY had been assigned to duty as Public Relations Director for his hospital unit.

The May 29, 1945, issue of the "Daily Worker" contains an article by LESTER RODNEY entitled "Saw Fascist Hogging UNRRA Food In Greece", in which the subject states that in an interview with three Greek seamen, then in New York City between voyages, they charged UNRRA supplies were being withheld by the "reactionary" Greek monarchist government from the very men who led the anti-Nazi resistance. The seamen stated that distribution of supplies was made through picked government supporters, some of whom were ex-collaborators.

The "Daily Worker" of April 20, 1946, contained an article by the subject entitled "A Paper For People Who Remember", in which the subject attempts to show how many times the "Daily Worker" has been right in its policy in the past. He stated that the "Daily Worker" was correct about the Spanish Civil War being sponsored by HITLER and MUSSOLINI and how Finland was really an ally of HITLER prior to World War II.

The "Daily Worker" of October 26, 1946, on page five, column one, contained an article which stated that 20 combat veterans of World War II formed a Veterans Committee for the election of ROBERT THOMPSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Communist candidates for Comptroller and Attorney General in the then coming election. The subject was one of the veterans on this committee.

The "Daily Worker" of December 14, 1946, page eight, column three, contained an announcement that LESTER RODNEY, "Daily Worker" Sports Editor, would speak on December 15, 1946, at the Jerry Weinberg Club; 190 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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In the "Daily Worker" of May 18, 1947, page nine, columns one, two and three, the subject, under his by-line, described "A Vet's Encampment That Was Different" (held May 8-9, 1947, in Washington, D.C.), which RODNEY describes as follows:

"There have been many conventions held in our nation's Capitol, but it is doubtful if any convention of 400 Americans ever hit Washington with quite the impact of the two day Communist veterans encampment . . . Here was a delegation of front-line fighters of our great war for national existence come to work out and present a program for the neglected needs of our millions of veterans and for the democratic welfare of the whole land . . . They (the Communist Party veterans) asked respectfully, but firmly in their rights as fighters for American democracy, for an end to the witch hunts, the drives against the civil liberties of the Communists, and other progressives, the drive against the rights of the working people of America, and the infamous Truman doctrine . . . Washington saw the face of the Communist Party, with names, ranks, and serial numbers, and with it the face of the American people from where the Party springs. The First National Encampment of the Communist Veterans will not soon be forgotten".

The "New York Post" of June 10, 1947, contains the following letter to the Editor from one LESTER RODNEY:

"Dear Editor:

"In the June 3 editorial you wrote: 'If we mean to withdraw the privileges of citizenship from all Communists by all means let us do so . . . boldly and forthrightly'. The June 4 New York Times carries a picture of the American Military Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy where 6,791 of our hero dead are buried. This is what I'd like to know. Would you advocate the 'withdrawal' from the Nettuno Cemetery of the bodies of American Communists like Hank Forbes, former New York Communist leader, who fell for their country at Anzio? Yes I am a Communist and a veteran."

/s/ "LESTER RODNEY"

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The November 1, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 16, column four, reflects that LESTER RODNEY, in his column "On The Score Board", stated: "But in addition to being a sports writer, I happen to be a Communist . . ."

The January 23, 1949, issue of "The Worker", section two, page 17, contained an advertisement for the book "Fighting Words", which book contains selections from the "Daily Worker" from 1924 to 1949. LESTER RODNEY was one of the columnists whose work appeared in this book, according to the advertisement.

In the February 2, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker", page five, column one, in an article entitled "Time Hangs Lies On Our Doorknob" by LESTER RODNEY, RODNEY states "I have been a 'staffer' on the Daily Worker for 12 years."

The July 23, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker", page one, columns 2-5, contained an article by LESTER RODNEY entitled "How Gov't Began Drive On Bail Right" wherein RODNEY stated: "The Justice Department . . . is trying hard to get across the idea that the attempt to deprive 14 working class leaders of their traditional rights to bail pending trial is something that just came up, something to do merely with the 'trustworthiness' of the Civil Rights bail bond money. Their (arrested CP leaders) 'crime' was simply their refusal to be stool pigeons and open others to similar Nazi-like persecution. Included among them are decorated heroes of World War II, mothers of small children, and Negro workers".

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The "Daily Worker" of October 30, 1951, page four, columns 2-4, contained an article by LESTER RODNEY entitled "How The Italian Workers Help To Build Their Paper", wherein RODNEY analyzes the story of the Communist Press Month as "a fascinating story of building the circulation and reputation of the Italian paper Unita. Unita is the official organ of the CP of Italy."

The "Daily Worker" of January 31, 1952, page seven, column three, contained an item showing that LESTER RODNEY, of the "Daily Worker" staff, spoke at a "Washington Heights Press Freedom Group."

The "Daily Worker" of April 2, 1952, page 24, column one, contains a letter to the editor by LESTER RODNEY wherein RODNEY compliments ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and states " . . . is today on 'trial' by the frightened stooges of the big money. She is a great American". (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was convicted of the Smith Act 1940 in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, January 21, 1953.)

The April 3, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker", page three, columns 1-5, contained an article by LESTER RODNEY by-lined Washington, entitled "We'll Show Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword Says Peace Delegate", wherein RODNEY reports the results of a Peace Delegation's visit to Washington, D.C.

The "Daily Worker" of October 27, 1952, page seven, column four, in RODNEY's column "On The Score Board", RODNEY urges his readers to vote for SIMON W. GERSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS.

In the "Daily Worker" of February 5, 1953, page seven, column three, in the subject's column "On The Score Board", RODNEY described the speech of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, who was convicted for violation of the Smith Act in the Southern District of New York,

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and stated: "Up came Myles Lane (United States Attorney, Southern District of New York). It was unbelievable. After the soaring dignity and stature of these great Americans (the convicted Smith Act subjects) and the things they believed in and had said, this pygmy arose and droned 'they have shown no remorse, no sorrow for their mistakes' . . . What Gurley Flynn, Pettis Perry and the others had said the day before, what George Blake Charney had said, was not on the radio or over TV. Oh no. Only some 200 people heard it. But through the land the people who now 'also hate the Korean war' are stirring, and anxious and wondering. The truth can move like lightning in days like these. We must see that the people get the truth . . . The truth in our paper, the people's paper."

The March 19, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker", pages one and six, contained an article under the by-line LESTER RODNEY entitled "The Real Story Of Three Air Incidents", wherein the subject criticizes the operations of the United States Air Force and comments, "with a change of United States foreign policy to a civilized one of peace it is quite likely that our planes will be looked upon differently . . . The technique is simple. Any time the 'free world' gets worried about growing peace sentiments, it can send a plane where it doesn't belong and the headlines in the 'free world' press will do the rest."

The "Daily Worker" of August 2, 1953, on page five, column one, contained an article by-lined LESTER RODNEY entitled "Sparks From The Albany 'Crucible'" wherein RODNEY comments on "the Un-American Committee Witchhunts in the New York State Capitol", wherein RODNEY wrote, "You could sense a subtle change in spectator attitude as the contrasting dilemma of the

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inquisitors and squirming stool pigeons with the calm dignity of those who refuse to cooperate, began to register. It was so clear that these heroic Americans, standing up bravely in the atmosphere of hysteria, faced with loss of jobs, did not think of themselves as 'wrong doers', but rather felt themselves being wronged... Never was there an overt sign of hostility. Failure of the witch hunters to whip up the mass hysteria they want is a mighty drag on what they would like to do.

The "Daily Worker" of August 16, 1953, page five, column one, contained an article entitled "American Voices Helped Silence The Guns", by-lined LESTER RODNEY, wherein RODNEY comments on the end of hostilities in Korea. The subject wrote, "What part did the American people themselves play in this historic victory, so unique in the annals of mankind, in which the power of the peace forces throughout the world finally compelled those who profit by war and would spread it further to sit down at the table and bring it to an end . . . Inscribed in the history of our times/the great spontaneous campaign which forced a war minded Congress to kill Universal Military Training. This was a deep-going setback to those who thought they could roll America down hill into war and Police State on a wave of hysteria . . . Also, no resume of peace activity by the American people, brief and scattered though such a resume be, can overlook the steady, patriotic position for ending the Korean war adopted by the CP right from the start, and carried by Party members in heroic fashion to the people through leaflets, street meetings, and petitions. The CP was truly the conscience of the country before any others resisted the war profiteering hysteria, on January 21, 1953.

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The "Daily Worker" of October 26, 1953, page seven, columns four and five, wherein the subject, under his own by-line, in his column "On The Score Board" wrote, "Now we most certainly do not believe that the Soviet Union's announcement on the Hydrogen Bomb, coupled with another urgent plea for the immediate banning under United Nations inspection of all such weapons, constitutes any threat whatsoever to world peace, since the Soviet Union is a socialist land to which war and war's destruction are unutterable, wasteful horrors. The failure of the attempt to whip up a 'Civil Defense' hysteria, ruefully admitted by the officials, indicates that very few DO really believe in the shameful chax of 'Soviet attack'. . . 'right now we are utilizing atomic energy for our economic needs in our own economic interests'. And in that same year the Soviet newspaper Pravda was reported as saying 'we want to put atomic energy to blowing up mountains, changing the course of rivers, irrigating deserts, laying new lines of life where the human foot has rarely stepped'. I don't feel that this outlook on their part constitutes any grave threat to me here in Manhattan, or world peace in general, and I wish Mr. THOMAS E. MURRAY (AEC official) would explain why he thinks it does . . . could MURRAY have been complaining that such socialist peace activities constitute a grave threat to war?"

The "Daily Worker" of February 23, 1954, page five, column two, by-lined LESTER RODNEY, in his column "On The Score Board" stated "Out in Detroit Federal Judge Frank A. Picard, in sentencing six crudely framed Michigan Communists, made a plea for phony headlines with the cheap, smirking 'offer' to send the six to the Soviet Union instead of to jail. The New York Times, the pillar of responsibility, factual journalism promptly obliged with a headline '6 Michigan Reds Prefer U.S. Prison To Being Sent To Soviet Union To Live'. It is a reasonably good guess, this headline spitting gleefully in the faces of six good American Trade Unionists was suggested by the Times' Harry Schwartz. . .

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"Of course, in the first place, the 'offer' is a vicious insult, based on the moronic prattle that Americans who hold there is a better way for the working people of our land than depressions and atom bombs, are really agents of the Soviet Union. In its own stupid way, this is a great and deserving compliment it paid to the policies of that socialist land."

The "Daily Worker" of March 26, 1954, page four, column four, contains an article entitled "Attention: Robert Stevens, Secretary of the Army - About Those 'Subversives' In The Army", by-lined LESTER RODNEY, wherein he writes "Robert Stevens, Secretary of the Army, now says nobody in the Army can be either promoted or honorably discharged who 'refuses to state whether he is or has been a member of the CP or other subversive organization' . . . First off, I would like to ask Stevens what he means by 'the CP or other subversive groups...' Who says the CP is subversive? It has never been proven subversive and never will, and anyone who says it is, no matter who he is right up to and past the Secretary of the Army, is telling a lie. I don't think the Secretary of the Army ought to base policies on lies. Let Stevens give the country one, just one, shred of real evidence that any member of the CP of the United States, in or out of the United States Army, ever committed a subversive act. He can't do it. Nobody can. Which is why they have to try to get away with establishing a lie as truth by simple proclamation like an emperor of old."

The "Daily Worker" of July 1, 1954, page two, column one, contained an article entitled "To A Little Girl In Guatemala. . .", by-lined LESTER RODNEY, wherein RODNEY addresses his article "To ten year old Conchita, lying dead in the village of Jilotepeque- Little Conchita there was nothing to stop the P-47's from coming as low as they needed to drop the bombs . . . For you see, the State Department of my country last month stopped a shipment of antiaircraft guns and shells from Europe to your country. You see Little Conchita antiaircraft in the town

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"of Jilotepeque would be a serious menace to the Panama Canal 1,000 miles away. It was a plane made in my country, the U.S.A., which flew over your town, Little Conchita, and burned your father's house on the land he finally owned for himself and killed you . . . It was a bomb made in the U.S.A. You see, after my country kept the antiaircraft from coming to your government my country arranged for planes and bombs to those who killed you, and it was also arranged for the planes to fly as they wished from airfields in another country. Oh it was all carefully planned Little Conchita. The U.N. . . . You see the Presiding Chairman was a rich man of my country who also did not like your father to have his own land, and there are votes, and threats, and arrangements. . . . The people of my country, Little Conchita? Some are frightened to speak up. Some don't care. But most do not really know that such things are being done in their name. . . . You are not the only little girl of ten whose life is snuffed out these days by bombs made in the U.S.A. Little Conchita. This is becoming our most famous export, dropped bombs on people seeking a better life for themselves. Many many little children in the villages of Korea were killed by bombs made in my country and many are being killed every day in the villages of Indo-China. Bomb, bomb, bomb . . . It is, as they say, all we know. It is the answer to everything, the only answer my State Department has. If enough people like your father and mother, your brothers and you are killed, and their homes, schools and villages burned down, maybe things will straighten out for the United Fruit Companies of the world. Did you really have to die my poor sweet little ten year old Conchita. . . . It is our foreign policy to kill you Little Conchita. Killing you because your father had his own little piece of land at last, that is what it all boils down to, or the foreign policy and the editorials about 'the free world' in the 'battle against Communism'. What makes such foreign policy? . . . We now have a man named John Foster Dulles. He is a powerful and rich man. Very rich, and he works hard for the very rich companies of Wall Street."

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The "Daily Worker" of August 16, 1954, page five, column three, contained an article by-lined LESTER RODNEY entitled "A Picture From Indonesia That Answers A Thousand Lies", in which he stated "... the caption under this picture said 'sitting in the hot sun, Indonesian Communists listen to speaker at a mass meeting in Jakarta, ... The Indonesian faces in the picture are proud, serious, attentive. How I thought would this picture look to someone who is snowed under by the upside down 'free world' propaganda from Washington in the papers, the movies, the radio, what have you ... And who were the 'Communist aggressors in Viet-Nam? The Viet-Nameese fighting for their own country's independence against French Colonialism. And if 'we' (you, me and Standard Oil) 'lost Asia, whom would 'we' 'loose' it to? The Asians! The people of each country deciding their own country's destiny in a manner they choose. Ever hear of the United States of America? Did the same darn thing once. There are people who still, unquestionably still believe the great cruel illiterate lie that Communists are like Nazis ... Hitler had to try to export Nazism by brute force, but that everywhere in the world patriots of every country exist who proudly proclaim and advocate their belief in the ideas of Scientific Socialism - i.e. 'Communism'. ... The answer to the 'riddle' is simplicity itself ... The answer, of course, is that Nazism and Fascism debase humanity, proclaim might is right, racism and hatred as a policy and war as a goal, while at the very opposite pole stand the Communists of any and every country, proudly bearing the nationalist heritage of humanity's long history of moving forward. The never ceasing and ever growing yearning for brotherhood and dignity and independence and plenty and peace.

"The Worker" of August 29, 1954, page seven, column one, carried an article by-lined LESTER RODNEY entitled "An Open Letter To The Spirit Of Heywood Brown", wherein RODNEY criticizes the Newspaper Guild of America and particularly the 1954 Guild Convention where it was voted to expell all "Communists".

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In the October 17, 1954, issue of "The Worker", page fourteen, column two, LESTER RODNEY wrote in his article "A Challenge To American Liberals", "...when the Sovereign Nation of China moves to take over a Chinese island four miles off the Chinese coastline, an island currently manned by enemies selling and killing people ...". RODNEY goes on to criticize this country's Far Eastern Policy.

The "Daily Worker" of November 9, 1954, on page two, column one, LESTER RODNEY wrote in his article entitled "Some Questions On That Plane Incident" wherein RODNEY is critical of the Air Force's operations in the Far East, and stated "peace is breaking through the clouds as never before. Voices for sanity, trade and live and let live are rising at last in our own country as the hoax of 'Russian aggression' evaporates with the persistent overtures for peace from Moscow. What a tragedy that any American boy still have to loose their lives in such 'hot' missions 6,000 miles from our shores. Why do we need Air Force maps of the Soviet Union if we believe that peace is possible and necessary, as even President Eisenhower said yesterday. There are no Soviet planes or urgent mapping missions off the coast of California 6,000 miles from THEIR shores. The war press and war commentators were quick to seize on this incident with gusto, and relief, 'to prove' that co-existence is impossible, that the Soviet Union does not want peace. Peaceful co-existence means respect for each others territory and independence. That is the heart of the matter."

In the "Daily Worker" of January 11, 1955, page eight, column four, the subject in his column "On The Score Board" wrote about "Teen Agers Back Arming Germany", and then went on to question "is our youth 'indoctrinated?'", and states "but are not these young 'forumists indoctrinated with the huge lie of 'Soviet aggression', a bold lie which may not be publicly contested with fact except on pain of harassment and persecution? Did not the President of our land in his State of the Union message say 'all of us are aware of the continuing reliance of the Soviet

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'Communists on military force . . . (and) increasing strength in nuclear weapons. This power, combined with the proclaimed intentions of the Communist leadership to Communize the world, is the threat confronting us today'. Well, who's going to argue with the President? Do these teen-agers ever get to hear the voice of reason challenging anyone, including the President, to cite a single occasion when the leaders of the socialist countries proclaimed intentions to conquer the world . . . telling the truth of who asks for trade, a ban on H Bombs, co-existence, which means getting along, regardless of social and economic differences, and who has a Chief of Staff promise to use Atomic Bombs first. But thumbs down on world trade and on agreements for world peace 'sanctifying' the permanence of the socialist lands."

The "Daily Worker" of February 8, 1955, page two, column four, contains an article entitled "The Moving X Winds Up Off North Korea" by LESTER RODNEY, wherein RODNEY criticizes the United States Air Force in its operations in the Far East, and stated "just suppose for a moment there were Soviet or Chinese planes ten miles from the shores of California? How would we like it?"

The "Daily Worker" of February 15, 1955, page eight, column four, contained LESTER RODNEY's column "On The Score Board", wherein he commented ". . . an island a few miles from the Mainland of China, an island belonging to China, which nobody denies, not even DULLES or KNOWLAND, and from which a bunch of desperados slip espionage and sabotage agents into the Mainland to do damage and commit murder and harass ships going about their business. . . . in 1955's war hysteria journalism, rights and wrongs are taken for granted, i.e. no matter what, we are right and wherever and whenever we do and say, and wherever we send ships and planes is O.K. just because it is us. Formosa is necessary to our defense (7,000 miles from California), but is not necessary to China's defense (100 miles away and historically Chinese).

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"Our President can make a speech over closed television circuits to meetings of 'Radio Free Europe' encouraging direct interference in affairs with countries with which we are at peace, calling for sabotage and revolt right from the borders of those countries, but we claim that it is THESE countries which have committed an unfriendly act toward us, which are responsible for the tension in the world."

The "Daily Worker" of February 17, 1955, page eight, column four, contains an article by the subject in his column "On The Score Board" in which he stated "So there we are. Kill game or Communists at will in Malaya (the way to meet an Asian people's heroic fight for decent life against foreign tyrannies). Call them Communists and class them with game to be shot down at will. This, of course, includes women and children as does the trying out of the marvellous guns in Kenya; proven accurate against the Africans at 200 yards." The subject, further on in his column, goes on to say "Right here is the crude central lie, a massive deception, put forward by swope and passed along unblinkingly by the... Times. Sure the Supreme Court 'had the Rosenberg case before it three times'. Oh, but the SUPREME COURT NEVER ONCE REVIEWED THE ROSENBERG CASE! How many people even today know this startling fact about a case based on the fantastic testimony of a fear stricken rat on whom the FBI 'had something to begin with, a monstrous frame-up from start to finish, just as those being revealed these days by a former stoolie."

The "Daily Worker" of March 2, 1955, page eight, column one, contains an article by LESTER RODNEY in his column "On The Score Board" in which he wrote "and then the Communist leaders coming out of jail after serving three years and eight months on the Thought Control Smith Act . . . Thousands did not follow them - not that there aren't too many in jail and not that persecutions have ceased or anything like that - but it is four years

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"later and here they come out and the tens of thousands of American fighters for peace were not poured into camps and prisons behind them, but rather peace won the old ball game in Korea and Indochina, and McCarthy was censured last year, and the whole frame-up informer system is losing a few veils, and well, this is still our America and no Hitler Fascism has yet succeeded in beating it though it is a rough and rugged fight because they disguise it as Americanism and have monopoly's billions on their side. And if enough of the millions and millions of Americans whose dearest wish came true when the Korean war was brought to a halt and when Nixon and Knowland couldn't drag our boys into Indochina, if these millions, most of our population, were to learn the great fact that Eugene Dennis, John Gates, John Williamson, Jack Stachel, Carl Winter, Ben Davis and others still behind bars were the patriots who first told the truth about the hated Korean war, the attempt to put them back in jail again wouldn't have a chance." (DENNIS, GATES, WILLIAMSON, STACHEL, WINTER, DAVIS are all convicted Smith Act subjects, all convicted for violating Smith Act 1940, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, October 14, 1949.)

The "Daily Worker" of April 12, 1955, page eight, column four, contains ROLNEY's column "On The Score Board", in which he stated "See where Brownell has just added 21 more organizations to the honor roll of his asinine 'subversive list'. We have one little point to make here about this frantic and contemptible attempt to frighten out of existence all organized expressions for peace, civil liberties, civil rights, tenants rights, pensions, unemployment relief, amnesty and frame-up victims, etc., etc. It is this. Let the country - the whole world, unfortunately for our country's good name - note well that this man from Wall Street who runs the Department of Injustice, lists as 'subversive' a 'Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland'."

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The "Daily Worker" of April 27, 1955, page seven, column one reflected that subject, in his column "On The Score Board" is critical of our interests in the Far East, and stated "... The frantic official effort to hide from our country the tremendous, almost unknown fact that the offer stands for us to join tomorrow morning in an immediate and permanent ban on Atom and Hydrogen Bombs with strict and fool-proof international inspection... I'm afraid the average American, no matter what his views on our capitalism and Russia's socialism, might appreciate a switch 'to the Moscow line of diverting the people from war to peace, shutting down the wailing sirens and shutting up the inevitable war boobs."

The "Daily Worker" of June 13, 1955, page six, column seven, subject in his column "On The Score Board" wrote, "The U.S. Olympic Committee has written on the subject of applying for press credentials for the Olympics. We replied that we intend to cover both the winter games ... and the regular games at Melbourne, Australia, and request press credentials. We added the reminder that last time we were denied our passport to go to Helsinki at the last moment but we hoped to win a reversal of this ruling . . . a flagrant denial of press freedom, and what is more harms our country's good name. Last time we applied for our passport routinely . . . leaving hardly any time for the fight which developed... This time we will put in our passport application in October, four months before the winter games which take place January 26 to February 5 and will publicize every step of the way."

The August 17, 1955, page two, column four, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article "3 Star In Act One Of Walter's Purge", by-lined LESTER RODNEY, in which the subject criticized Representative Francis J. Walter's Congressional hearing held in New York

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regarding the Entertainment Industry, wherein the subject wrote, "Here before ones eyes is really the raw basic collision of truth and evil, the antagonists facing each other, all the sickness that has infected this country these terrible years right out there in jacket and neck-tie asking questions, trying to destroy everything noble in our life, past and present . . ."

The "Daily Worker" of October 19, 1955, page seven, column four, subject wrote concerning the CP in his column "On The Score Board", stating "I for one have been interested in the efforts of the CP for some time, since the paper for which I work, while not the organ of any party, does indeed admire and defend that Party. So if I had ever seen anything obviously and appallingly evil about the efforts of the CP, I would certainly not want to work for a paper which defends it for 19 minutes, let alone 19 years, of my life. . . . I am not an anti-Communist . . .", and goes on to challenge, "If you are unable to find in the program (of the CP) or cite from life any efforts of the CP which are obviously and appallingly evil, you will merely publicly withdraw your words as unfounded, little enough you will agree to rectify a slanderous falsehood."

The "Daily Worker" of October 31, 1955, page four, column four, contains an article entitled "Journalism Department - Nobody Wants Trade - Suppose The Chinese Said This", by-lined by LESTER RODNEY, wherein RODNEY comments on trade with Russia and is critical of the United States Far Eastern activities.

The November 6, 1955, issue of "The Worker" page seven, column three, contains an article entitled "Reporter Exposes The Case Of The Phone Book Hoax", by LESTER RODNEY, wherein RODNEY states "How reliable is the big business press, radio and television in their constant attacks on the CP as being for force and violence, getting orders from Moscow, etc., etc.? Since many Americans

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"are affected to one degree or another by the big lie of our times, it is worth stopping sometimes to nail down one of the whoppers to prove to anyone's satisfaction that 'the respectable' newspaper and television networks do indeed . . . falsify about those Americans whose ideas for peace, brotherhood and socialism they fear." The subject went on to criticize an article in a newspaper concerning the CP.

The November 9, 1955, issue of the "Daily Worker" reflects LESTER RODNEY in his column "On The Score Board" wrote "On October 19 we addressed a letter, both opened and closed, to Hunter College President Doctor George N. Shuster about his statement '... I cannot see how persons can continue to maintain affiliations with the CP when the efforts of that Party are so obviously and appallingly evil'. Since this is a paper which defends and admires the efforts of the CP we challenged him to supply any evidence whatsoever to back his characterization either from the CP Program (which we enclosed) or from life, and even threw in the offer to promptly quit this paper as a paper which defended something evil if he could do so. Three weeks seems like a reasonable time to answer. We have no answer... There never is from those who say such wild, unproven and unprovable things about the CP. They can't prove the falsehoods and they feel pretty safe because they are voicing what has become 'official' dogma and usually remains unchallenged. I have just this much news for Doctor SHUSTER, along with my profound contempt for his intellectual integrity: there are some students at your college who consider themselves anti-Communists, who watched to see if you would answer and will be at least deeply disturbed that you didn't. You see, they happen to believe in the good American tradition of truth, fairness and honesty."

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In the "Daily Worker" of November 18, 1955, page seven, column four, LESTER RODNEY, in his column "On The Score Board", wrote the following address to Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES:

"As a minimum of implementing these sound American principles (closing remarks of Mr. DULLES at Geneva), can we expect that on your return you will do the following? (1) call for the immediate and unconditional release from jail of all those Americans like Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Robert Thompson, Pettis Perry, Gus Hall, etc. who used their minds to think and never committed, and weren't even charged with committing a single act; (2) call for an immediate end to the Thought-Control Trials now going on in Ohio and Connecticut of those whose conscience lead them to judge peace right and war wrong; (3) put your weight behind the restoration of all jobs, with apologies and back pay to all those Americans in various fields of endeavor who were fired because they possessed the human dignity which requires freedom of thought and conscience; (4) state that you are opposed to the interference and harassment of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI and the discharge from jobs of those Americans who read the newspapers of their choice."

The "Daily Worker" of November 21, 1955, LESTER RODNEY wrote under the heading "Journalism Dep't - Did Molotov Really Say It - Gen. Taylor's Prediction": "The fact is that a report from Geneva has constituted one of the biggest snow jobs in the notorious history of our Cold War journalism. Not that these frantic distortions can end or reverse the grand march of humanity, including our country, toward a world in which war is unthinkable, but it does serve to confuse and keep the Cold War alive. What a demonstration of the importance to our country of building the "Daily Worker".

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In the "Daily Worker" of November 24, 1955, page 7, column four, LESTER RODNEY wrote in his column "On The Score Board", "it is no secret that the journalistic level of anti-Communist argument in our land is mostly childness and irrational, all about nonexistent conspiracies, hobgoblins, and everything except the issues."

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VII. SUBJECT'S WIFE

- (U) T-49, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 20, 1955, furnished a document believed to concern the subject's [redacted] This document showed that the subject's wife was dues paying member of the CP. ~~X~~

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IX. USE OF OTHER NAME

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The subject, born LESTER RODSTEIN, after 1930 has used the name LESTER RODNEY and is known in all of his activities as LESTER RODNEY. U

X. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following description was derived from records described under the section of this report "J. BACKGROUND" and from personal observation of interviewing agents on November 9, 1953:

Name
Alias

[redacted]

Address

Employment

LESTER RODSTEIN
Lester Rodney

[redacted]

30 Fairview Avenue
New York City
apartment 2A

"Daily Worker"
34 East 12th Street
New York City

F.B.I. # 514-2541
Social Security # 721-05-2571

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Date of Birth	April 17, 1911,
	New York, New York
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Height	5' 8to 9"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown, balding
Complexion	Light
Miscellaneous	Wears glasses
Social Security	
Number	121-05-8572
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T-1.



Background of the subject X 4/21/50

SA [redacted]
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Background of the subject 9/30-
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T-4. [redacted] NY, NY (by request)	Residence of the subject	✓ 7/5/50	SA JOHN J. HAYES (oral)	100-13292- 52
T-5, Not utilized				
T-6. [redacted]	Subject's protest telegram wherein admits CP membership	3/14/47	SA CHARLES F. HEINER (oral)	97-169
	Subject to speak at AYD	✓ 1/21/47	"	100-13292- 12
	DW party at residence, 1/21/48	✓ 2/13/48	"	62-7956- 980
T-7. [redacted]	Subject on apparent CP list	✓ 5/25/48	SA H.P. LARSON and SE THOMAS O'CONNOR	100-80633

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T-7, Cont'd	Listed as speaker at CP function	✓ 6/4/48	SA E.K. DEANE and SE THOMAS O'CONNOR	100-26603- C172-1A4168
	CP function at subject's house	✓ 6/8/48	SA E.K. DEANE and SE A.E. FALLER	100-13292- 1a2
	Party at subject's house	✓ 5/3/49	SA H.P. LARSON and SE A.E. FALLER	100-13292- 1a6
	Appeared on list of "Daily Worker" speakers	✓ 1/26/49	SA H.P. LARSON and SE S.W. JENNINGS	97-169
	On list of "Daily Worker" employees	✓ 2/15/49	SA E.K. DEANE and SE A.E. FALLER	"

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T-7, Cont'd	Subject's pay envelope from "Daily Worker"	✓ 3/18/49	SA H.P. LARSON and SE THOMAS O'CONNOR	100-13292- 1a3
	Subject's letters to "New York Times" of 8/10/51	✓ 6/19/53	SA [redacted] [redacted] and SE [redacted] [redacted]	100-13292- 104

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T-8, [redacted] as told to Detective [redacted] Michigan State Police	Subject familiar with CP plans	1/24/55	SA [redacted] [redacted] Detroit	DE 100- 16784
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T-9, [redacted]	Subject's CP activity	✓ 3/3/55		
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T-10, [redacted]	Subject CP member	12/23/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	Instant report
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T-11. [redacted] (by request)	Documentation of ALP			
T-12. [redacted]	Documentation of ALP			
T-13, Not utilized				
T-14, [redacted]	Subject in IWO	1/23/53	SA [redacted] [redacted]	100-2936- 1A619 p.10, 13
	"	✓ 6/22/54	"	100-2936- 1A1492
T-15. [redacted]	Attended LYL Jamboree, 2/19/54	✓ 2/24/54	SA [redacted] [redacted]	[redacted]
	Subject spoke at LYL meeting, 5/14/54	✓ 5/24/54	"	"
T-16, [redacted]	At May Day Parade, 1952	✓ 5/7/54	SA [redacted] [redacted]	100-47142- 1B188 p.47 of Vol. 10
T-17. [redacted]	"Daily Worker" activity	✓ 6/29/55		

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T-17, Cont'd	Contact with MARTHA STONE	✓ 4/25/55		
	Documentation of SIMON GERSON, 3/11/55.			
T-18, [redacted] Lewisburg, Pa.	Sent Christmas greetings CP leaders	✓ 12/8/51	SA [redacted] [redacted] Philadelphia	100-23774- 1414
T-19, [redacted]	Contact CP leader	✓ 6/28/53		
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	Contact with HERB WHEELDIN	✓ 8/9/55		
	"	8/17/55		
T-20, [redacted]	Contact CP leader	1/10/54	✓	
T-21, [redacted]	Documentation of SIDNEY REITER.			
	Documentation of HERBERT WHEELDIN.			

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T-22, [REDACTED]	Documentation of [REDACTED]			
T-23, [REDACTED]	Contact with CP leader	3/2/54		
T-24, [REDACTED]	Documentation of ISRAEL BLANKENSTEIN	(11/18/52)		
T-25, [REDACTED]	Contact with CP leader	9/21, 25/54		
T-26, [REDACTED] Atlanta, Ga.	Contact with CP leader	2/4/55	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Atlanta	100-8057- 1B189
"	"	"	"	100-13292- 246
"	"	"	"	100-8057- 1B189
T-27, [REDACTED] US Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana	Contact with CP leader	1/13/55	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Indianapolis	100-13292- 207

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T-27, Cont'd	Contact with CP leader	1/13/55	SA [redacted] [redacted] Indianapolis	100-13292- 240
T-28, [redacted]		12/30/54	SA WILLIAM M. HAWKINS Kansas City	100-13292- 211
		12/30/54 1/6,13/55	"	100-13292- 204
T-29, [redacted]	Contact with CP leader	1/7/55	SA [redacted] [redacted] Philadelphia	100-96975- 1B1
Lewisburg, Pa				
T-30, [redacted]	Contact with CP , leader	4/20/55	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE Pittsburgh	100-13292- 257
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T-31, [redacted]	Subject spoke at CP and "Daily Worker" Fund Drive	✓ 1/20, 22/53	SA [redacted] NH	100-14532- 314 p.12
T-32, [redacted]	Subject spoke at LYL meeting, 3/15/54	✓ 3/22/54	SA [redacted] [redacted]	(F&C)
T-33, [redacted]	Subject spoke at LYL meeting, 12/12/54	✓ 12/17/54	[redacted] Baltimore	
T-34, [redacted]	Subject to speak at Philadelphia	2/3/55		
T-35, [redacted] Confidential at request	Subject spoke at Freedom of Press Association, Philadelphia, 2/5/55	2/7/55	SAS [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted]	(U)
T-36, [redacted]	"	2/9/55	SAS [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted]	PH 100- 37619

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T-37, [redacted]	Subject spoke at Freedom of Press Association, Philadelphia, 2/5/55	2/8/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	PH 100-4842
T-38, [redacted]	"	"	SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE	PH 100-37616
T-39, [redacted]	"	2/7/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
T-40, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., Conceal (By request)	"	2/5/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
T-41, [redacted]	"	2/11/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
	CP club meeting, 2/5/55	"	"	"

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T-42, [redacted]	Subject spoke at Freedom of Press Association, Philadelphia, 2/5/55	✓ 3/3/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
T-43, [redacted]	"	2/7/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
T-44, [redacted]	Spoke at Freedom of Press meeting, Chicago	✓ 3/14/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
T-45, Former [redacted]	"	3/17/55	"	[redacted]
T-46, [redacted]	"	3/18/55	SA [redacted] [redacted]	
T-47, Security Unit of the Chicago PD	"	3/15/55	SE [redacted] [redacted]	CG 100-25191- 347

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Spoke at meeting in 4/7/55
Detroit, 4/3/55

SA [REDACTED]
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where it was deemed advisable to conceal the identity of the source, 4

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At Jersey City, New Jersey

One RAND STEVENS and one RUTH CAROL FREEMAN were arrested by the Jersey City Police Department on July 1, 1940, for being disorderly persons. A search of STEVENS' and FREEMAN'S automobile by the police department disclosed material believed to be CP material, which was Photostated and copies furnished to the Newark Division. U

Among this material was listed the name of LESTER RODNEY, address not given, as a member of Branch 1, Section 3, New York County. U

This material was forwarded to the Bureau as enclosure to Newark report of SA ROSS K. PRISCOTT, July 13, 1940, titled, "RAND STEVENS, was, RUTH FREEMAN; ESPIONAGE, COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES" (Exhibit No. 4). U

This information is being placed on the Administrative Section because of the uncertainty as to whether this material actually was CP lists, and no identifying data was in the possession of the New York Office to identify the subject as the person described on the list. U

At New York, New York

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T-8 advised on January 24, 1955, that he was in contact with LESTER RODNEY in January of 1955, and discussed the disclosure of a stool pigeon in the Civil Rights Congress in California. RODNEY stated that the CP plans a project to educate its members how to discover stool pigeons in the labor movement. X

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T-8 is described as an informant whose identity should continue to be concealed, but that he has furnished both reliable and unreliable information and who claims to have been associated with some of the leading members of the CP at the time he furnished this information. X

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It is being placed in the Administrative Section of this report since the meeting with RODNEY is uncorroborated. U

An extra copy of this report is being transmitted to the Bureau since the subject has been involved with the State Department regarding his passport and will in the near future leave for Europe and it is anticipated that the Bureau, in the future, may have need to supply copies of instant report to the State Department. U

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It is to be noted that the subject's wife is a Security Index subject of the New York Office. X

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Information pertaining to the subject has been reviewed in the preparation of this summary report and it is indicated that he should continue to be maintained on the Security Index. The SI card was reviewed and found to be accurate. X

The pretext call to the subject's home on January 1, 1956, was made by SA [] under the pretext that the caller wished to congratulate the subject "on his victory" in obtaining his passport and desired to wish him "bon voyage." The caller, though not giving his name, led the subject's wife to believe he was a casual acquaintance of the subject. U

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REFERENCE Report of SA [], 4/3/50, New York, Bulet to New York, 12/7/55. U

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: January 24, 1956

FROM : Legal Attache, London (100-1208) ~~X~~SUBJECT: LESTER RODNEY
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The Bureau is requested to furnish a summary of available background and security data respecting RODNEY. U

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CC: 100-281 (JOHN WILLIAMSON)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-46858) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 1/17/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.
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"UNAVAILABLE SECTION"

Card U.T.D.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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DATE 3-21-79

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Covering 1956 Winter Olympics in Italy for the "Daily Worker"

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Temporarily in Italy 100-13292

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Legal Attache, London (100-1208) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

February 13, 1956

Director, FBI (100-46858) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 16 (U)

LESTER RODNEY
SECURITY MATTER - C ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

Reference is made to your letter dated
January 24, 1956. U

Enclosed herewith for your information is
one Photostat of the report of Edward J. Cibulay
dated January 13, 1956, at New York, regarding the
captioned subject. U

For your additional information the subject,
a writer for the "Daily Worker," is a Security Index
subject of the New York Office, who recently received
a passport to cover the Winter Olympics in Italy.
No investigation is requested in this matter; however,
should you receive any additional information from
your sources regarding the subject you should
immediately advise the Bureau. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Enclosure

YELLOW: Subject on SI. State, CIA and Legat, Rome,
previously advised and furnished reports regarding
this subject. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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cc-Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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Date: February 2, 1956

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LESTER ROSENTHAL
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For your information there is transmitted herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 13, 1956, at New York, New York. As set forth in this report, the subject was to leave for Europe January 3, 1956, to cover the Olympic Games for the "Daily Worker." Other reports regarding the subject have previously been furnished to you. X

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No investigation is requested in this matter; however, this Bureau would appreciate receiving any information which may come to your attention regarding the subject's activities while abroad. A

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cc - Director (W. J. [redacted])
Central Intelligence Agency
2400 E Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. EX-116 16 FEB 6 1956

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

2cc - [Legal Attache, Rome] (W. J. [redacted]) See note page 2.

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Department of State

[NOTE TO LEGAL ATTACHE, ROME: ~~✓~~]

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Enclosed herewith for your information is one copy of the report of SA [] dated January 13, 1956, at New York regarding the captioned subject. Information contained in this report should not be disseminated to your sources nor should any active investigation be made of this subject. However, in the event you receive any information regarding the activities or statements of this subject from your sources bearing on the investigation at hand you should immediately report same to the Bureau. U

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Date: 3/2/56

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To: BUREAU (100-3-81)

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(U) NY 694-3 advised today that he received a letter dated February 16, from [redacted] of JOHN WILLIAMSON, reported CP, USA "listening post" in London. In addition to comments of personal nature, [redacted] wrote "JOHNNY spent two weeks in the Yorkshire and Lancashire Districts, came back for a couple of days and now will be gone for two or three weeks. This time I wish I could have gone with him." Informant believes above quote reflects that WILLIAMSON attended the recent Russian CP Congress in Moscow from 2/14/56 to 2/25/56. MAC also commented "it was wonderful to see LESTER on his way to the Olympics". Informant believes ~~(U)~~

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(1-100-) [redacted] (RM)
(1-100-) (CLAUDIA JONES) (RM)
(1-100-) (LESTER RODNEY) (RM)
7-New York (100-86624) (#12-14)
(1-100-23774) (JOHN WILLIAMSON) (#7-6)
(1-100-94820) [redacted] (#7-6)
(1-100-18676) (CLAUDIA JONES) (#7-6)
(1-100-49162) (CP of Russia) (#12-14)
(1-100-86624-Sub A) (CP, USA- International Relations-Daylet)
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this is reference to LISTER RODNEY, "Daily Worker" sports columnist. M further mentioned visiting "CL UDIA" at a hospital where the latter had gone for a checkup. Informant believes reference is to CL UDIA JONES, deported CP, USA functionary. CL UDIA, according to M "continues to live with the 'DOYLES', but it is not a good setup and she realizes now the many things I couldn't write about. The best thing would be to go where she could get her health taken care of properly but she still has no passport and that's important." ~~S~~

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Regarding herself, M wrote "please ask my boss if I have to file income tax for the three months I worked before leaving last year. His head is in the clouds and probably doesn't realize that I have to be back within five years and I don't want anything like that to contend with". ~~S~~

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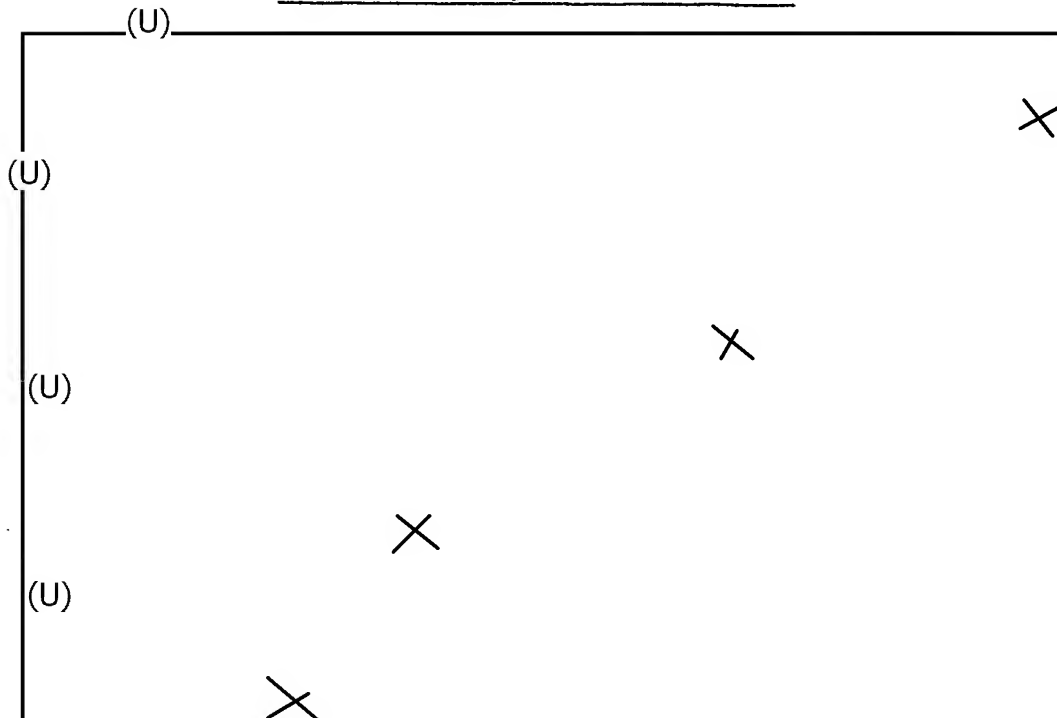
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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April 26, 1956

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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LESTER RODSTEIN, SECURITY MATTER - C.

Re Bureau phone call to New York April 26, 1956. U

Enclosed is a copy of State Department memorandum to Director dated April 25, 1956. Prepare memorandum suitable for dissemination to State Department setting forth subject's activities up to date, not reflected in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 13, 1956, at New York, or previous reports. Memorandum must arrive at Bureau by Monday morning April 30, 1956. U

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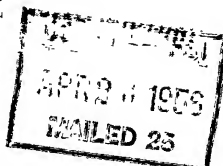
Subject in SI. State wants subject's activities up to date in connection with consideration which will have to be given to subject's expected application for passport in immediate future. X

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From SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)

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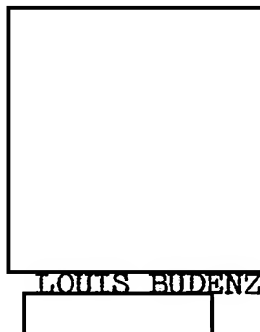
Reference is made to telephone call from Mr JAMES BLAND at the Bureau to SA [redacted] on 4/26/56 requesting the New York Division to prepare a blank memorandum setting forth information concerning captioned subject's activities subsequent to those contained in the report of SA [redacted] dated 1/13/56, at New York. *U*

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Enclosed herewith is requested blank memorandum concerning subject's activities and information received concerning the subject subsequent to the above mentioned report. *U*

Sources set forth in enclosed memorandum are as follows:

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LOUIS BUDENZ (by request)

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Subject is carried on the Security Index of
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Re: Lester Rodstein, with alias (U)
Lester Rodney

Sympathies

On September 20, 1955, Mr. Frank P. Lawley, Jr., Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Pennsylvania State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, furnished to Special Agent [redacted], a card addressed to Governor John S. Fine, State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated July 27, 1953, from Lester Rodney, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. This communication urges that Governor Fine reverse the "harsh and unconstitutional sentence against Steve Nelson". U

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On July 1, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date Steve Nelson continued to act as chairman of District 5 of the Communist Party and as such directed the activities of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. X

Records of the Quarter Sessions Court, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, revealed that on October 17, 1950, a true bill was returned by a Grand Jury charging Steve Nelson with violation of the Pennsylvania Anti-Sedition law of 1939. U

Following a trial in the above court, which was concluded on January 30, 1952, Nelson was found guilty and on July 10, 1952, was sentenced to 20 years in the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Workhouse and fined \$10,000 and costs. U

On July 29, 1952, Nelson filed an appeal from judgment and sentence and on January 25, 1954, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the judgment in the case of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs Steve Nelson and quashed the indictment. U

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On July 24, 1954, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania filed a petition requesting the Supreme Court of the United States to review the Nelson case. U

On October 14, 1954, the United States Supreme Court issued a writ of certiorari. Steve Nelson was tried in the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was found guilty by a jury for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on August 20, 1953. U

On August 25, 1953, he and his co-defendants were sentenced to serve five years in a Federal Penitentiary for that violation. U

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On March 8, 1956, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Lester Rodney had just returned to the United States from covering the Winter Olympics in Italy. According to T-2, Rodney claimed to have spoken to some important people in Italy who told him that the new Communist Party line of peace and friendliness was so successful that Party recruiting was rapidly increasing, extending successfully even to former members of Mussolini's Fascist Party. X

Communist Party Fronts

Labor Youth League (LYL)

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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On October 19, 1955, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available an undated leaflet entitled "LYL Speakers Bureau". This leaflet described the Speakers Bureau as a service initiated by the LYL in the belief that "Marxism as a body of science and social philosophy today in the center of the great world debate and influence, should be presented by Marxists themselves." This leaflet contained instructions on how to obtain a speaker and all such requests were to be sent to "Speakers Bureau, Labor Youth League, 159 West 23rd Street, New York City". Listed among the speakers on the leaflet was "Lester Rodney - Sports Editor of the 'Daily Worker' since 1936." X

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, the Sunday edition of which is "The Worker". U

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 11, 1955, page 15, column 4, contained an advertisement reading, "A Look at Sports Today; with Guest Speaker Lester Rodney, Baseball, Football, Olympics, Friday, December 16, Brownsville LYL, 170 Pitkin Avenue." U

(U) On December 20, 1955, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on December 6, 1955, a staff meeting of the Brownsville LYL was held at 1647 St. Marks Avenue, New York City, at which the topic of discussion was the sports forum to be held December 16, 1955, featuring Lester Rodney. T-4 reported that this forum was to be sponsored by the Brownsville LYL. X

(U) On January 3, 1956, T-4 advised that on December 16, 1955, a sports forum conducted by the Club Castro, Brownsville LYL, was held which featured Lester Rodney of the "Daily Worker" staff. X

National Committee for Freedom of the Press and Affiliated Local Committees

The National Committee for Freedom of the Press has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

(U) On June 24, 1950, T-2, previously mentioned, advised that the National Committee for Freedom of the Press with its affiliated local committees constituted an innocuously named instrument of the Communist Party, USA, devised to build up financial and vocal support for the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker". T-2 stated that in reality it is a "paper" organization whose structure geographically parallels that of the Communist Party, USA, and that for all practical purposes it is directed by MAX GORDON of the "Daily Worker", who usually addresses appeals or subscriptions, funds or other support to the press directors of the various Party units under the guise of appealing to the heads of the various Freedom of the Press Committees. X

(U) On March 27, 1956, T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 14, 1956, X

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the subject was the main speaker at an affair held at the High Street Community Center, 65 High Street, Newark, New Jersey, which was sponsored by the New Jersey Freedom of the Press Committee. Rodney spoke on "An Exclusive Report on the 1956 Winter Olympics". According to T-5, during his speech, Rodney urged that people purchase and read the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" and said that this government instead of spending so much money on war materials should put more money into athletics as does Russia. He stated that every shop in Russia employing 150 people or more must have athletic facilities. ~~X~~

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On March 20, 1956, T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 16, 1956, Lester Rodney was the main speaker at an affair held at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest, Washington, D.C., held under the auspices of the Washington Freedom of the Press Committee. T-6 advised that Rodney spoke on the Russian sports program and Russian customs. He praised the Russians as fine gentlemen who showed good sportsmanship at all times even when a Russian sports star was beaten by an American sports star. According to T-6, Rodney also said that Russia is craving for peace and is willing to cooperate with any country to attain that aim. ~~X~~

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On March 19, 1956, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 17, 1956, Lester Rodney was the main speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Baltimore Freedom of the Press Committee held at 3105 Mondawmin Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. According to T-7, the main purpose of this meeting was to get as many people as possible to renew their "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" subscriptions. T-7 continued that Rodney spoke on his European travels and displayed a number of Communist Party posters used in Europe calling for peace and friendship. ~~X~~

Writings of the Subject Indicating Adherence to the Communist Party Line and/or Sympathy with the Communist Party Movement

In the "Daily Worker" of December 2, 1955, page 7, columns 4 and 5, the subject in his column "On the Scoreboard", wrote concerning the issuance of a passport and stated in part, "It is solid to win for our paper the right to cover the Olympic games, a right denied us by the State Department three years ago. Freedom of the press is far from a dead letter in *u*

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"times. You know, 'Reds Recruit Jefferson', and all that. Big joke. But just let the wise guys...say what other group in America besides the left fights for the good things Thomas Jefferson stood for?" U

"The Worker", issue of December 25, 1955, page 12, columns 1-5, contained an article entitled "The Worker Sports" with a sub-title "Dear Santa Claus" by-lined Lester Rodney. In part, this article stated, "A copy of a constitution of the United States of America to be served at breakfast, lunch and supper for Georgia's Governor Marvin Griffin and the card could say 'Merry Christmas, Governor, be an American'.... a passport for one of America's greatest athletes and citizens of all times - Paul Robeson, a better good-will Ambassador than anyone we've sent abroad in a long time. (Yes, Santa Claus, I'm afraid I do include Mr. J.F. Dulles)". U

- (U) On November 3, 1955, T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in June, 1955, the Council on African Affairs dissolved and at the time of its dissolution, Paul Robeson was Chairman of the organization. X

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

- (U) T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is a self-confessed former member of the Communist Party, advised in June, 1950, that Paul Robeson was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist. X

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 30, 1955, page 7, column 4, contained subject's column "On the Scoreboard", which was a report regarding subject's Olympic coverage. This article was generally an appeal for the "Daily Worker" fund drive to furnish the subject with expenses during his coverage of the Winter Olympics in Italy. Rodney commented at one point, "We have our passport, thanks to a gradual return toward democratic sanity in our land." U

In the "Daily Worker" of January 5, 1956, page 7, column 4, the subject in his column "On the Scoreboard", set forth a letter from Fred Briehl from Wallkill, New York, dated January 2, 1955. In this letter, Fred Briehl comments that U

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"our country in spite of all these years of cold war persecution by those who would like to silence us". U

In the "Daily Worker" of December 4, 1955, page 12, columns 1-5, in his column, "On the Scoreboard", subject wrote, "After what seemed like a stall by the Passport Division of the State Department, we wrote a letter to Secretary of State Dulles, We said, 'Failure to grant my passport to enable me as a Sports Editor to cover these sports events would be widely attacked as a violation of fundamental press rights". U

The "Daily Worker" of December 5, 1955, page 4, column 4, contained an article entitled "Journalism Dep't.", by-lined "Lester Rodney". This article in part stated, "If you ride the subways of New York you have seen the advertisement urging you to 'Give Truth Dollars to Fight Communism - Support Radio Free Europe'. It isn't that anyone pays much attention to this sign...if they've gotten five bucks in contributions from subway riders, it's probably a lot, and that from ex-Hitlerites who ran from the new democracies, certainly not from the ordinary American." This article continues to set forth what is described as a "reverse situation" and questions the thoughts of American senators riding the Moscow subway should they see such signs reading, "Give Truth Dollars to Fight Capitalism - Support Radio Free America". U

In the "Daily Worker" of December 13, 1955, page 7, columns 4-5, the subject in his column, "On the Scoreboard", states, "Thanks to Aaron, the TV man of Washington Heights, who contributed \$50.00 to the fund drive: \$25.00 in admiration for Pettis Perry, jailed Communist leader, and \$25.00 for this columns' trip to Italy....." U

Pettis Perry was one of the Communist Party leaders convicted on January 21, 1953 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. U

In the "Daily Worker" of December 20, 1955, page 7, columns 4-5, the subject in his column "On the Scoreboard", wrote, "There are some who would try to make something funny out of the fact that the American left cherishes and adopts for itself the traditions of Jefferson in the context of his U

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he is contributing the sum of \$35.00 to assist Lester Rodney in financing his trip to Italy. In this same column under a sub-title "Journalism Department", Rodney writes, "And now will they say that the Russians have deserted the Spirit of Geneva and revive the cold war because five million voters in France made the Communist Party the largest single party in the land? Seriously enough, it is not far fetched these days to expect some of the cold war howlers to say things like 'belying their words of peace, the Russians once again open the cold war as the elections in France showed'. It would certainly be no crazier than saying, which was said, that the Russians were guilty of aggression when the anti-colonialist Nationalist Party gained in Indonesia! Or that the Russians revived the cold war when they observed that it wasn't right for our government heads to send New Year's greetings openly calling for revolt against the governments of Eastern Europe." U

In 1952, [redacted] Tax Collector, Gardiner, New York, advised that Briehl's farm was owned by Edna Briehl but had been operated by her husband, Fred Briehl, for the past 25 years. U

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George Hewitt, a self-admitted member of the Communist Party from 1928-1942, who is now deceased, advised in April, 1946, that when he had visited Briehl's farm approximately 10 years previously, the farm had been used as a secret training school for Communist Party members drawn from all over the United States. U

On August 17, 1945, John J. Huber, who was a member of the Communist Party from March, 1940 to December, 1946, advised that Fred Briehl operated a farm at Wallkill, New York. According to Huber, Briehl's farm was used as a resort for Communist Party members. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 31, 1942, contained an article which reflected that Fred Briehl was elected to the New York State Committee of the Communist Party in 1942. U

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T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on various occasions in 1953 and as late as August 23, 1954, that well known leaders of the Communist Party were still patronizing Briehl's farm. X

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In the "Daily Worker" of January 18, 1956, page 7, column 4, the subject in his column "On the Scoreboard", described his visit to the British "Daily Worker" office in London, England. In part he wrote, "Since our great passport lockup has made an American visitor from the left a great rarity, I was greeted with cordial interest and with more than one chuckling remark like, 'Oh, you got out, did you? Good for you.' They all wanted to know when the beloved Paul Robeson could come, saying his fight for the right to travel was known throughout the land." U

The "Daily Worker" of January 24, 1956, contained an article entitled "City Run by French Communists", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article describes the visit of the subject to the City D'Ivry, France, which according to Rodney, has been governed by Communists for 30 consecutive years with the victorious Communist vote constantly rising. The subject describes the admiration for Thorez, French Communist leader, which is evident in the City and points out how 30 years of Communist rule have gained the people of the City many advantages. Subject describes his visit to workers' houses and schools, all of which he points out are on a higher level than almost anyone in France. U

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In the "Daily Worker" issue of January 30, 1956, page 7, columns 4 and 5, the subject, in his column "On the Scoreboard" described his impressions of the city of Paris. In part, the subject states, "I was lucky enough to be able to attend a meeting, what we would call a mass meeting, on the anniversary of the German poet, Heinrich Heine, addressed by Communist Party leader Jacques Duclos and a prominent literary figure. . . . For an American leftist, be it said, it is quite a sensation to walk around a city where the Communist Party is the largest in the land, and to walk through working class areas where 90 per cent voted Communist." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 3, 1956, page 1, column 1, contained an article by-lined Lester Rodney entitled "Rodney at the Olympics". This article concerns an interview by Rodney with Otakar Bedner, President of the Czechoslovakian Hockey League. Also present as a translator was Miroslav Hladky, Sports Editor of a Prague youth paper, "Mlada Fronta." U

In this article Rodney reports his discussions with Hladky, and points out that Hladky informed him that the state pays for medical and dental care, and all of the workers are happy and contented. According to this article, Hladky stated that most Czechoslovakian workers enjoy modern apartments and conveniences. U

"The Worker" issue of February 5, 1956, page 3, column 2, contains an article entitled "Olympics Do More Than United Nations" by-lined Lester Rodney. This article points out the congenial atmosphere existing between members of the Soviet and United States ski jumping teams during the winter Olympics in Italy. It contains an interview by Rodney with Art Devlin, American Team Captain, in which Rodney quotes Devlin as stating that the Russians are "regular" and "someone sure has been dishing out a lot of bull about those Russians." U

In the "Daily Worker" of February 6, 1956, page 7, column 4, the subject, in his column "On the Scoreboard", U

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wrote in part, "This German unity, plus the first time winter participation of the Soviet Union's splendid and popular young men and women, helped give this special tone to these Olympics along with their setting in Italy. . . . Circulation drive note: Everyone in Europe quickly asks about our paper circulation. They placed great importance on it in the world peace movement." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 7, 1956, page 1, column 4, contained an article entitled "Regular Fellows", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article concerns an impression of the Soviet athletes as individuals and competitors, and in comparing Russian athletes with American, Rodney wrote, "It is silly, it is vulgarizing for an American to sit above this looking down and, struck by the resemblance to Americans in manner, think that perhaps the factors of vast and beautiful countries with great spaces, frontiers that were or are being vigorously conquered, and knowledge of national strength (I don't mean Dulles' kind of military strength!) and potential, could account for a similarity of good and easy humor and manner? Is it silly? OK excuse it then. Let's just say I like these Russians and we'll get into no arguments." U

"The Worker" issue of February 19, 1956, page 7, column 1, contained an article entitled "Why Italy and France Made Such Low Scores at Winter Games", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article consisted of a discussion as to the low scores made by Italy and France at the winter Olympics, and in part stated, "Our athletes, almost without exception, were marvelous ambassadors who lost or won with equal graciousness, and in their normal, friendly relations with the athletes from 'behind the iron curtain' as the idiotic phrase goes, had plenty to teach our own State Department." U

In this same article, Rodney discusses the "CCCP" on the coats of the Russian athletes. He states, "The Italian. . . put his finger on the 'CCCP' and asked as best he could, what it meant. The Russian started to try to explain, when a somewhat older Italian worker stepped over and said, 'Union Sovieta Socialista Republica' and with emphasis and almost pride to the younger worker repeated 'Socialista!' as if to say we could use some of that stuff too." U

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The "Daily Worker" issue of February 22, 1956, page 1, column 2, contained an article entitled "What Italy's Young Men Read", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article in part stated, "Rome, Italy.--Publications put out by the Federation of Communist Italian Youth are something to write home about. In my interview with Enrico Berlinguer, General Secretary of the Federation, I was presented with an arm full of magazines and publications." Rodney continues to describe the various magazines and publications published for the most part by the Federation of Communist Italian Youth. U

"The Worker" issue of February 26, 1956, page 3, column 2, contained an article entitled "Rodney: How Stupid Do They Think We Are", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article concerns an assertion by "Newsweek Magazine" that the assassin of Leon Trotsky, known as Jacques Mornard, was a Communist. Rodney states, "Of course Mornard wasn't a Communist at all, but one of the little anti-Communist Trotskyite sect members. As if Newsweek didn't know, Communists scorn and reject personal terrorism of all kinds, basing themselves in theory and practice on mass democratic movements of the people." U

Continuing Rodney writes, "Since no member of a Red Army has set foot over any border since V-E Day, since no Soviet spokesman has even threatened to, but instead has proclaimed peace every day from the Kremlin-top, will Newsweek please give just one teeny weeny fact, naming time and place where the Red Armies seem likely to roll at dawn next day?" U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 27, 1956, page 1, column 4, contained an article entitled "Italy's Best-Liked Paper", by-lined Lester Rodney. In this article Rodney discusses "L'Unita" described by Rodney as Italy's most widely circulated newspaper. In this article Rodney describes the Communist Party of Italy as "the staunchest fighter for peace." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 2, 1956, page 2, column 1, contained an article entitled "Rodney Interviews an Italian Communist", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article reports an interview of Rodney with Velio Spano, described U

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by this article as being in charge of the Italian Communist Party Foreign Section, member of the Party's Central Committee, and a Senator in the Italian Parliament. The interview covers the meaning of the Geneva Conference and Spano's comments concerning the Dulles "brink of war" article in "Life Magazine". U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 5, 1956, page 7, column 4, contained Lester Rodney's column "On the Scoreboard." This article reports Rodney's impressions of Paris and Rome, and in part states, "In Rome the most striking poster was that of the Communist Party on the voting results in France. . U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 8, 1956, page 1, column 2, contained an article entitled "They're Watching Our Circulation", by-lined Lester Rodney, in which he comments on the interest shown in the "Daily Worker" by people he met while in Europe. Referring to American reporters at the Olympics, Rodney states, "It gave them a feeling about our country's democratic traditions winning over McCarthyism to see a DW reporter with a previously unobtainable passport." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 9, 1956, page 7, column 4, contained Lester Rodney's column "On the Scoreboard" which column was captioned "Suggestions for J. Edgar's Professors." The article concerns a news item in the "New York Times" newspaper concerning a five week training course recently concluded by the FBI in New York City. Rodney states that the "New York Times" article displayed a photograph showing various police activities. He states, "Looking over this display I was struck by the absence of quite a few well known FBI techniques and practices." The author then ridicules the FBI and sarcastically suggests certain courses "for the next school conducted by the men of J. Edgar." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 12, 1956, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled "Overflow Crowd Hails W. J. Foster and Davis", by-lined Lester Rodney. This article consists of a report by Rodney on the speeches made by William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis and others on the occasion of Foster's 75th birthday and the return to active political life of Benjamin J. Davis Jr. U

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Benjamin J. Davis Jr. and Eugene Dennis were two of the eleven members of the National Committee of the Communist Party who were convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 19, 1953, page 2, column 1, in an article entitled "Foster Wires Clemency Plea to Eisenhower," William Z. Foster is described as Chairman of the Communist Party. U

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The "Daily Worker," issue of March 18, 1956, page 12, column 1, contained an article by-lined by Lester Rodney, entitled "Open Letter to a Sorry Defeatist." This article consists of an answer by Lester Rodney addressed to one William Benton, of Southport, Connecticut, who had written to the "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper concerning the Soviets' use of sports as part of the cold war. In part, Rodney writes, ".....let's cut down the cold war arms budget, which has no more reason for existence, use the money for sports facilities for all, and help lick juvenile delinquency and aid amateur sports with a healthy youth in a peaceful America." U

The "Daily Worker," issue of March 22, 1956, page 7, column 4, contained an article by-lined by Lester Rodney, which concerned the cancellation of a weight lifting contest between Soviet and American teams, after the Soviet team refused to submit to fingerprinting and sign a questionnaire. Contained in the article is an unsigned letter which reads, "Dear Soviet Weight Lifters - I am profoundly ashamed of the bourgeois lack of hospitality of my State Department. I apologize to you for it, and feel certain the vast majority of Americans would feel the same way if they knew about it. It is a darn shame and an outrage that the striped pants boys are permitted to hurt our country's good name before the world the way they do, and we ought to raise a lot more hell about it than we do. P.S. - nobody was fingerprinted at Cortina nor will they be in Melbourne." U

The March 25, 1956, issue of "The Worker," page 10, column 1, contained an article entitled "An American Visits an Italian Communist College," by-lined Lester Rodney. In this article Rodney comments about the "Istituto Di Studi Comunisti" located south of Rome, Italy. Among the items discussed by the article were the volume of books put out by the Communist press at low cost, the abundance of food at the school and the free wine given to the school by the local peasants, all of whom were either Communists or Socialists. A large portion of the article was concerned with remarks made by Mario Spinella, Director of the school, to Lester Rodney on the subject of Communism in Italy, with particular emphasis on the operation of the above mentioned Communistic school. U

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In the "Daily Worker," issue of April 5, 1956, the subject, in his column "On the Scoreboard," commented on the banning of Soviet Olympic weight lifting team members from entering the United States for failure to comply with the State Department regulations. Rodney stated that this was "because Washington insisted on insulting the visitors with fingerprinting. The column reported that American weight lifting officials had been "the guests of the Soviet weight lifters last June (sans fingerprinting) and held cordial meetings with the Russians before friendly, enthusiastic crowds in Moscow and Leningrad." U

"The Worker," issue of April 8, 1956, page 1, carries a headline "Freedom of Press Wins - We Are Back." Accompanying this article, by-lined by Lester Rodney, is a photograph of the "Daily Worker" staff. The article reports on the return of the "Daily Worker" staff to its offices on April 3rd, after seizure eight days previously by the Treasury Department on a tax claim. The article states, in part, "a big business government attempt to suppress a people's paper had failed," and spoke of "the steady pattern of harassment which has attempted for years to close down its voice for people on every possible pretext." The article, in its conclusion, stated that it was certain "the attempt to destroy the Bill of Rights by devious ruses would be detected and fought by aroused Democratic opinion, in the future, as in the case of the great 'tax' seizure." U

In the "Daily Worker," issue of April 9, 1956, page 7, subject, in his column "On the Scoreboard," comments on a statement by Senator John Marshall Butler, of Maryland, whom he reported to have "ranted that U.S. Olympic officials should strive to have the Soviet Union's 'barbaric goon squads' banned from the forthcoming Olympic games." After discussing statements of Avery Brundage, International Olympic President, concerning Soviet participation in the games, Rodney concludes the paragraph "as for Senator John Marshall, barbaric goon squad Butler, the voters of the sovereign State of Maryland could well think of ridding the U.S. Senate of such prime squirrel bait." U

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Date: April 30, 1956

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Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LESTER RODSTEIN
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 2, 1956, transmitting the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 13, 1956, at New York and your memorandum dated April 25, 1956, regarding the captioned individual. U

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It is noted that you desired to be advised of the activities of this subject subsequent to the report of reference. Enclosed herewith for your additional information is one copy of a memorandum dated April 27, 1956, for that purpose. U

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Subject in SI. Subject, an alleged sports writer for the "Daily Worker," was granted a temporary passport to cover the Winter Olympics in Italy. Subject, during 1952, attempted to secure a passport for the Olympic Games at Helsinki, Finland, but was refused a passport at that time. State Department memo of reference requested additional information concerning subject's activities subsequent to the date of referenced report to be forwarded to State Department by May 1, 1956. Information requested in view of editorial comments in other newspapers concerning subject's coverage of Winter Olympic Games in Italy which indicated that subject

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Letter to Mr. Scott McLeod
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wrote concerning political matters rather than sports.
Memorandum of reference received 4-26-56 and New York
instructed by airtel and telephonically to prepare a
memo setting forth the subject's activities to be
forwarded to reach the Bureau by 4-30-56. McLeod

requested answer by May 1.

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TO :

Director, FBI

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FROM :

Legal Attache, London

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SUBJECT:

LESTER RODNEY

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As previously reported, subject RODNEY arrived at London Airport on 1/10/56 and departed for Paris, France, via London Airport on 1/12/56. In addition, Miss [redacted] of [redacted]

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American Embassy, Rome, Italy

May 10, 1956

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Official - Informal

Dear Scott:

I have checked with various sources about the activities of Mr. Lester Rodney, ne Rodstein as requested in your letter of April 25. The CIA representative and the FBI representative in our Embassy have ascertained from [redacted]

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Our USIS representative has also checked with various American newspapermen in Rome, who know nothing about Rodney's activities. However, it has been suggested that you might wish to contact some of the following newspaper people now in the U. S. who were here at that time. They are [redacted] AP, New York; [redacted] CBS, Washington; and [redacted] of the Chicago Daily News. You might also wish to contact [redacted] and [redacted] both of USIA, Paris.

I have asked/

Scott McLeod, Esquire,
Administrator, Bureau of Security and
Consular Affairs,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Office of the Legal Attache
The American Embassy
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I have asked the Consul General in Rome to circularize the various Consulates in Italy to see if they have any information on Rodney's activities in Italy. I do not hold out much hope though from these sources.

With best regards

Sincerely,

Clare Boothe Luce

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Reference is made to memorandum from Local
Attache, Paris, dated June 18, 1956, regarding the
captioned subject. ~~X~~

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A copy of this memorandum was disseminated
to the New York Office by routing slip dated June 26,
1956. Your attention is directed to paragraph 2,
page 2, of referenced memorandum which advised that
the State Department is of the opinion that Rodstein
and the entire management of the "Daily Worker" will
apply for passports to attend the Olympic Games in
Australia. It is desired that you immediately advise
the Bureau of the identities of the employees of the
"Daily Worker" who, by virtue of their employment,
might seek passport facilities as indicated above.
In addition, the individual case files of these
subjects should be immediately reviewed and reports
submitted bringing these cases up to date. This
matter should receive your preferred attention in
order that the Bureau may be in a position to furnish
all derogatory information regarding these individuals
to the State Department prior to any request on their
part for passports. The Bureau should be advised of
the identities of the individuals mentioned above within
25 days from receipt of Bulet and reports submitted
in the individual cases within 45 days from receipt of
Bulet. ~~X~~ u

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Subject in SI. ~~X~~ (Lester Rodney is permanent)
A so-called sports writer for
the "Daily Worker." Rodstein received a limited passport
to attend Winter Olympics in Italy as a sports writer.
Rodstein's articles subsequently published reflecting his
attendance at the Olympic Games were not of a sports
nature but were of a political nature resulting in the
State Department receiving considerable criticism from
editorials in other newspapers in the US for allowing
Rodstein to receive a passport. State Department was
furnished derogatory information regarding Rodstein and
his affiliation with the GR and the "Daily Worker"
prior to his request for passport. ~~X~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)

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Reurlet 6/29/56. [] advised on 7/3/56 that subject, who is sports editor of the "Daily Worker", is the only employee of that paper who has expressed any desire or is likely to visit Australia to attend the Olympic Games. According to informant, it is possible that even subject may not go because of the poor financial condition of the "Daily Worker". The Bureau will be advised of any developments in this matter. *y*

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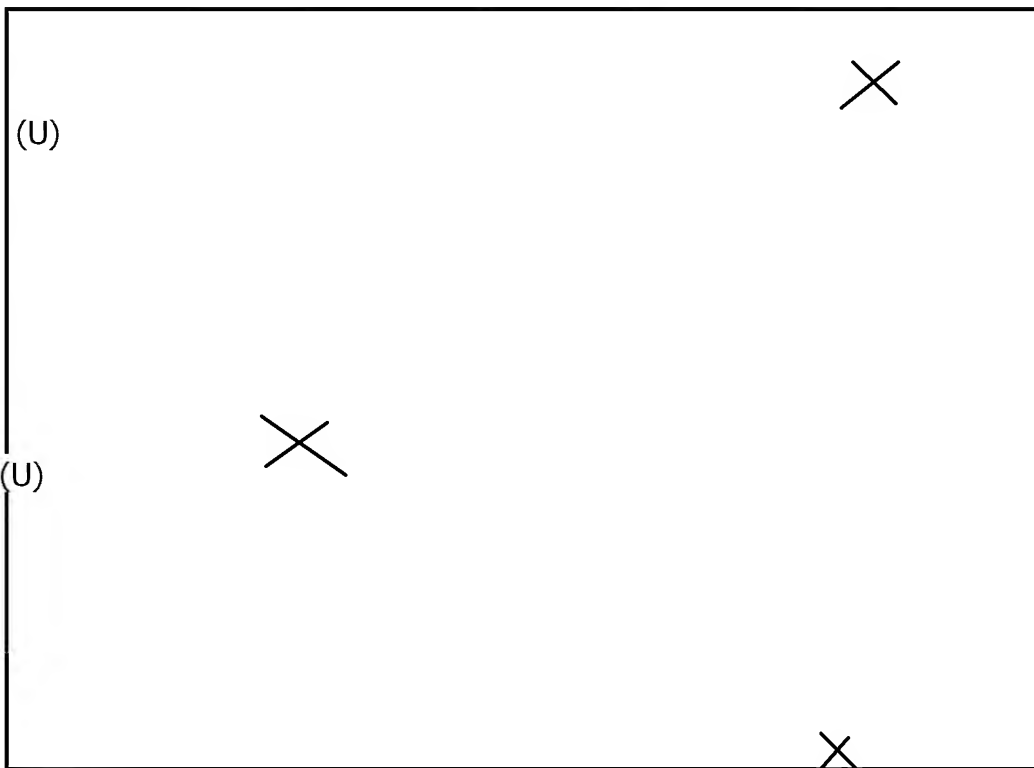
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SYNOPSIS:

LESTER RODSTEIN resides 30 Fairview Avenue, NYC, and is employed as Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", 35 East 12th Street, NYC. In January and February, 1956, subject accredited correspondent for "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" to 1956 Winter Olympics held in Italy. T-1 advised RODSTEIN a CP member based on his connections with the aforementioned newspapers. T-2 advised subject scheduled to speak 4/14/56 at CP fund raising party. Communications bearing subject's name or address sent to various convicted CP officials during latter part of 1955. Subject speaker at functions sponsored by Freedom of the press committees in New Jersey, Maryland, and Washington, D. C., during March, 1956. Subject listed as member of "LYL Speakers Bureau," scheduled to speak at LYL Sports Forum and on 4/13/56 was main speaker at affair sponsored by "New Challenge." Subject in contact with CP officials March and April, 1956. Various articles by-lined LESTER RODNEY, 1955 - 1956 appearing

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D)

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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On July 17, 1956, a person who identified herself as subject's [] was telephonically contacted under pretext at 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person advised that subject continues to reside at that address. U

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 10, 1956, page three, column two, contained an item entitled, "Lester Rodney on way to Italy." This article read, "Lester Rodney, Sports Editor of the Daily Worker and The Worker, left yesterday via Pan American Airways for Italy. He is en route to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, where he will cover the Winter Olympics being held January 28th through February 5th." U

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, the Sunday edition of which is "The Worker." U

On January 16, 1956, an unidentified individual U

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was telephonically contacted at the "Daily Worker" under pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person advised that LESTER RODNEY had left the United States for Europe a few days previously to cover the 1956 Winter Olympics for the paper. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 29, 1956, page eight, column five, identified LESTER RODNEY as Sports Writer of the "Daily Worker" and the chairman of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) newspaper Guild Unit at the newspaper. U

The telephonic pretext on July 17, 1956, to a person identifying herself as the subject's wife, set forth above, also ascertained that subject, continued his affiliation as Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. U

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

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On December 23, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that time, LESTER RODNEY expected to leave for Paris on January 9, 1956, to cover the Winter Olympics for the "Daily Worker." T-1 advised that RODNEY joined the "Daily Worker" staff before World War II, entered the Armed Forces and subsequently returned to the "Daily Worker" following his military service. T-1 stated that in his opinion, RODNEY, in view of his position with and activities in the "Daily Worker," was undoubtedly a member of the CP. X

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On April 13, 1956, T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on X

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April 11, 1956, a meeting of the Greenwich Village Section, New York County CP was held at which invitations to a fund raising party scheduled for April 14, 1956, were distributed. T-2 stated that this fund raising party was to be held at 39½ Washington Square, South, New York City, and LESTER RODNEY, Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" would be the main speaker. T-2 described the scheduled affair as a CP fund raising party. ~~X~~

B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On September 20, 1955, FRANK P. LAWLEY, Jr., Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Pennsylvania State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, furnished to SA [REDACTED], a communication addressed to JOHN S. FINE, Governor of Pennsylvania, bearing the return address, LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. This communication urged FINE to use his good offices to bring about a reversal of the "harsh and unconstitutional sentence" against STEVE NELSON. ~~X~~

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Records of the Quarter Sessions Court, Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reveal that on October 17, 1950, a true bill was returned by a Grand Jury, duly convened, charging STEVE NELSON with violation of the Pennsylvania Anti-Sedition Law of 1939. ~~X~~

Following a trial in the above court which was concluded on January 30, 1952, NELSON was found guilty and on July 10, 1952, he was sentenced to 20 years in the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Workhouse and fined \$10,000.00 and costs. On July 29, 1952, NELSON filed an appeal from Judgment and Sentence ~~X~~

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and on January 25, 1954, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the judgment in the case of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania versus STEVE NELSON and quashed the indictment. u

On July 24, 1954, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania filed a petition requesting the Supreme Court of the United States to review the NELSON case. u

On October 14, 1954, the United States Supreme Court issued a writ of certiorari. u

Records of the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, reveal that NELSON was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on August 20, 1953, and was sentenced to five years in a penitentiary-type institution by Judge RABE F. MARSH, United States District Court, Pittsburgh, on August 25, 1953. NELSON is presently at liberty under \$25,000.00 bond pending his appeal to the United States Supreme Court. u

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On December 30, 1955, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the 1955 Christmas season, greetings were sent to VICTOR JEREMY JEROME, United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, bearing the return address, [redacted] and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. X

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VICTOR J. JEROME is one of the CP leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. u

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On December 30, 1955, T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during X

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the 1955 Christmas season, greetings were sent to PETTIS PERRY, Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, bearing the return address, CLARE and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. ~~X~~

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T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 25, 1954, that PETTIS PERRY was Chairman of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), Farm Commission. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 14, 1954, page four, column two, reflected that PERRY was a member of the National Committee of the CP. ~~u~~

PERRY was one of the CP leaders convicted on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and was incarcerated in January, 1955, and subsequently sent to the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, to serve his sentence. ~~u~~

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On December 30, 1955, T-4 advised that during the 1955 Christmas season, greetings were sent to LOUIS WEINSTOCK, at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, bearing the return address LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. ~~X~~

LOUIS WEINSTOCK was sentenced to one to five years in prison on February 3, 1955, for lying in an affidavit to the Subversive Activities Control Board. WEINSTOCK was convicted on February 2, 1955, for falsely swearing to the board that there has been no committee or organization known as the "United May Day Committee" since 1948. He was acquitted on February 3, 1955, on his second count. The perjury conviction of WEINSTOCK was reversed on January 5, 1956, by the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C. ~~u~~

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On December 30, 1955, T-4 advised that during the 1955 Christmas season, greetings were sent to JACOB MINDEL at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, bearing the return address, [redacted] and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. X

JACOB MINDEL was one of the CP leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He was remanded to jail on January 11, 1955, and is presently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. u

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On December 30, 1955, T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that 1955 Christmas greetings were sent to GUS HALL, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, bearing the return address, [redacted] and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. B

GUS HALL was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000.00. He became a fugitive upon issuance of a Bench Warrant by the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on July 2, 1951. HALL was apprehended on October 10, 1951, in Laredo, Texas, and was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for contempt of court. On December 19, 1951, he was sentenced to a term of three years and is now serving his sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. u

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On May 1, 1956, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the Christmas season of 1955, greetings were sent to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, bearing the return address, LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. ~~S~~

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, and Chairman of the National Womens Commission, CP, USA, was convicted of violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. She was sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined \$6,000.00. FLYNN began serving her sentence on January 11, 1955, at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia. u

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On January 3, 1956, T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the 1955 Christmas season, greetings were sent to CARL ROSS, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, bearing the return address, LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. ~~S~~

CARL EDWIN RASI, (commonly known as CARL ROSS), was arrested August 27, 1953, near Twain Harte, California in the company of ROBERT THOMPSON and SIDNEY STEINBERG for whom bench warrants were outstanding in United States District Court, Southern District of New York. ROSS was indicted by Federal Grand Jury for Northern District of California on September 16, 1953, for violation of accessory after the fact statute. He was tried and convicted on April 26, 1954, and on May 3, 1954, was sentenced to terms of one year each on two counts of the indictment. u

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sentences to run concurrently, and was also sentenced to six months each on the third and fourth counts, these sentences to run consecutively to each other and consecutively to the first two counts, making a total of two years imprisonment. u

ROSS was received at the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, on June 17, 1954, and was assigned United States Penitentiary registry Number 24290-M. On January 6, 1956, he was released from the institution. u

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On March 8, 1956, T-1, previously mentioned, advised that LESTER RODNEY returned to the United States from covering the Winter Olympics in Italy. According to T-1, RODNEY claimed to have spoken to some important people who told him that the new CP line of "peace and friendliness" was so successful that Party recruiting in Italy was rapidly increasing and extending successfully even to former members of MUSSOLINI's Fascist Party. X

C. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

National Committee for Freedom of the Press and Affiliated Local Committees

The National Committee for Freedom of the Press (NCFP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

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On June 24, 1950, T-1 advised that the NCFP with its affiliated local committees constituted an innocuously named instrument of the CP, USA, devised to build up financial and vocal support for the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." T-1 stated X

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that in reality, it is a "paper" organization whose structure geographically parallels that of the CP, USA and that for all practical purposes, it is directed by [] of the "Daily Worker" who usually addresses appeals or subscriptions for funds and other support to the press directors of the various Party units under the guise of appealing to the heads of the various Freedom of the Press committees. ~~X~~

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On March 16, 1956, T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 14, 1956, an affair sponsored by the New Jersey Freedom of the Press Committee was held at the High Street Community Center, 65 High Street, Newark, New Jersey. T-9 advised the main speaker was LESTER RODNEY, Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" who spoke on the Winter Olympics in Italy and urged the people present to purchase and read the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." RODNEY commented that the United States, instead of spending so much money on war materials, should designate more money for athletics as does Russia. ~~X~~

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On March 20, 1956, T-10 and T-11, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 16, 1956, the subject was the main speaker at a meeting held under the auspices of the Washington Freedom of the Press Committee at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, Northwest Washington, D. C. T-10 advised that RODNEY delivered a speech on the Russian sports program and Russian customs. RODNEY stated that Russia is craving for peace and willing to cooperate with any countries to attain that aim. ~~X~~

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On March 19, 1956, T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 17, 1956, LESTER RODNEY was the main speaker ~~X~~

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at a meeting sponsored by the Baltimore Freedom of the Press Committee held at 3105 Mondawmin Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. According to T-12, the main purpose of this meeting was to get as many people as possible to renew their subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." T-12 continued that RODNEY spoke on his European travels and displayed a number of Communist posters used in Europe calling for "peace and friendship." ~~X~~

Labor Youth League (LYL)

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. ~~U~~

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On October 19, 1955, T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available an undated leaflet entitled, "LYL Speakers Bureau" which leaflet described the Speakers Bureau as a "service initiated by the LYL in the belief that Marxism as a body of science and social philosophy, today in the center of the great world debate, and influence should be presented by Marxists themselves." The reverse side of the leaflet contained instructions for obtaining a speaker from the "Speakers Bureau, Labor Youth League, 159 West 23rd Street, New York 11, New York." Included among the list of speakers was contained "Lester Rodney-----Sports Editor of the Daily Worker since 1936. He played an important role in fighting against Jim Crow in baseball." ~~X~~

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On December 20, 1955, T-14, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a staff meeting of the Brownsville LYL was held on December 6, 1955, at 1647 St. Mark's Avenue, New York City. The topic of discussion, according to T-14, was a ~~X~~

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Sports Forum sponsored by the Brownsville LYL to be held on December 16, 1955, featuring LESTER RODNEY as speaker. ~~A~~

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 11, 1955, page 15, column four, contained an advertisement reading, "'A Look at Sports Today' with the guest speaker Lester Rodney. Baseball, football, Olympics, Friday, Dec. 16. Brownsville LYL, 170 Pitkin Avenue, B'klyn." ~~u~~

"The Worker" issue of March 25, 1956, page 16, column one, contained an advertisement entitled, "Our Olympic Future." This advertisement noted that LESTER RODNEY, Sports Editor of "The Worker" would appear at 405 West 41st Street, New York City, to give an "eye witness report from Cortina" on April 13, 1956, under the sponsorship of "New Challenge." ~~u~~

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On May 8, 1956, T-14 advised that at that time the members of the LYL considered "New Challenge" to be the official publication of the LYL. ~~X~~

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On April 17, 1956, and April 19, 1956, T-15 and T-16, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 13, 1956, LESTER RODNEY was the main speaker at a program sponsored by "New Challenge" held at 405 West 41st Street, New York City. T-15 and T-16 advised that RODNEY delivered a speech on his trip to Italy following which an attempt was made to obtain subscriptions to "New Challenge." ~~X~~

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JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$10,000.00 by Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. WILLIAMSON was released from federal prison on March 1, 1955, and was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under a warrant of deportation. He departed the United States for England on May 4, 1955. U

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On March 11, 1956, T-18, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, EUGENE DENNIS contacted LESTER RODNEY relative to changes in the text of a speech given by DENNIS at an affair held in honor of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's 75th birthday. X

EUGENE DENNIS is the former National Secretary of the CP, who was convicted on October 14, 1949, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. He was released from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on March 1, 1955, and is presently free on bond of \$5,000.00 awaiting trial under the membership provisions, of the Smith Act of 1940. His bond is returnable to the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. U

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The "Daily Worker" issue of June 19, 1953, page two, column one, in an article entitled, "Foster Wires Clemency Plea to Eisenhower", WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is described as Chairman of the CP, USA. U

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On March 11, 1956, T-18 advised that on that date, LESTER RODNEY attended a conference with persons including [redacted] and JOHN GATES. X

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On October 14, 1949, JOHN GATES was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On July 2, 1951, GATES surrendered to the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and was incarcerated to begin serving a five sentence for the above conviction. At the time of his incarceration, GATES was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, and Editor of the "Daily Worker." U

On March 1, 1955, GATES was released from the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, upon completion of sentence for the above conviction. He was released to the custody of the United States Marshal and on March 1, 1955, was arraigned before a United States Commissioner at Atlanta, Georgia, in response to a Bench Warrant issued February 25, 1955, United States District Court, Southern District of New York. GATES is presently free on \$5,000.00 bail pending further prosecutive action based upon outstanding indictment charging him with violation of the Membership Clause of the Smith Act of 1940. U

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On September 30, 1955, T-1 advised that at that time, [redacted] was employed as [redacted] of the "Daily Worker." T-1 stated that to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] had been a X

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Communist for years and would have to be a CP member at that time to hold his position with the "Daily Worker." ~~X~~

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On April 18, 1956, T-19, who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that on that date, the subject was in contact with HERBERT WHEELDIN. ~~X~~

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On June 22, 1955, T-20, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at that time, the Harlem Region CP leadership consisted of HERBERT WHEELDIN, OSCAR JAMES, and LOUISE JEFFERS. T-20 further stated on July 14, 1955, that HERBERT WHEELDIN was reported in overall charge of the Harlem Region, CP and was to operate the Harlem Region headquarters. ~~X~~

E. Writings By-Lined LESTER RODNEY Evidencing the
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The "Daily Worker" issue of November 16, 1955, page six, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard," by-lined LESTER RODNEY which stated in part: ~~u~~

"Thanks to 'western old timer' for \$5, which he sends regularly, this one in memory of Bill Dietrich of Denver, a splendid American Communist whom I met out there while stationed for a little while in the now very famous Fitzsimmons General Hospital." ~~u~~

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 2, 1955, page seven, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This item in part read: ~~u~~

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"It is solid to win for our paper the right to cover the Olympic games, a right denied us by the State Department three years ago. Freedom of the press is far from a dead letter in our country in spite of all these years of cold war persecution by those who would silence us...It is very exciting to look forward to going to Italy for the Daily Worker and sending back stories about this vigorous carnival of competitive friendly co-existence, which will feature athletes from all the main countries in the world, bar none." u

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 5, 1955, page four, column four, contained the column "Journalism Dept." by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part, this column read: u

"If you ride the subways of New York, you have seen the advertisement urging you to 'Give Truth Dollars to Fight Communism---Support Radio Free Europe!' It isn't that anyone pays much attention to this sign...but just think about it for a moment. The way to estimate something like this is to imagine it in reverse. Suppose our touring senators riding the Moscow subway, or in buses in Prague, Warsaw, or Budapest, read signs calling on theh people to 'Give Truth Dollars to Fight Capitalism---Support Radio Free America!' Unthinkable...." u

The "Daily Worker" of December 13, 1955, page seven, columns four and five, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This column in part stated: u

"Thanks to Aaron, the TV man of Washington Heights, who contributed \$50 to the Fund Drive: \$25 in admiration for Pettis Perry, jailed Communist leader, and \$25 for this column's trip to Italy." u

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PETTIS PERRY has been previously described. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 20, 1955, page seven, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part, this column read: U

"There are some who would try to make something funny out of the fact that the American left cherishes and adopts for itself the traditions of Jefferson in the context of his times. 'You know 'Reds Recruit Jefferson,' and all that. Big joke. But just let the wise guys, after their funny remark, say what other group in America besides the left fights consistently for the good things Thomas Jefferson stood for?" U

"The Worker" issue of December 25, 1955, page 12, column one through five, contained an article entitled, "The Worker Sports" in the form of a letter captioned "Dear Santa Claus" by-lined LESTER. This article consists of several requests by "Lester" to Santa Claus, one of which reads, "a passport for one of America's greatest athletes and citizens of all times----Paul Robeson, a better good-will ambassador than anyone we've sent abroad in a long time.(Yes, Santa, I'm afraid I do include Mr. J. F. Dulles)." U

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On November 3, 1955, T-5 advised that in June, 1955, the Council on African Affairs (CAA) dissolved and at the time of its dissolution, PAUL ROBESON was chairman of this organization. X

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T-21, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is a self-confessed former member of the CP, advised in June, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1948 as a concealed Communist. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 5, 1956, page seven, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This column in part consisted of a letter from FRED BRIEHL, Wallkill, New York, to RODNEY enclosing \$35.00 as a contribution in financing RODNEY's trip to Italy to cover the Winter Olympics. U

Briehl's Farm is located near Tillson Lake in the Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, New York. U

In 1952, [redacted] Tax Collector, Gardiner, New York, advised that Briehl's Farm was owned by EDNA BRIEHL but had been operated by her husband, FRED BRIEHL for the past 25 years. U b6 b7C

GEORGE HEWITT, a self-admitted member of the CP from 1928 to 1942, who is now deceased, advised in April, 1946, that when he had visited Briehl's Farm approximately ten years previously, the farm had been used as a secret training school for CP members from all over the United States. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 31, 1942, contained an article which reflected that FRED BRIEHL was elected to the New York State Committee of the CP. U

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T-22, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised on various occasions in 1953 and as late as August 23, 1954, that well known leaders of the CP were still patronizing Briehl's Farm. ~~X~~

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The "Daily Worker" issue of January 24, 1956, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "City Run by French Communists" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article in part read: U

"D'ivry, France---While in Paris on the way to Cortina d'Ampezzo for the Olympic games, I had an unforgettable visit to this city of 48,000 on the edge of Paris, a city governed by Communists for 30 consecutive years with the victorious Communist vote constantly rising. And no wonder!....What a documentary film the unique achievements of the Communist administration of D'ivry would make." This article goes on to describe the town of D'ivry and notes interviews with various residents of the town. U

The "Daily Worker" of January 25, 1956, page seven, column four, contains a continuation of the above article by-lined LESTER RODNEY, which compares the "Thorez" houses of D'ivry with Stuyvesant Town in New York, and states, "with much less resources at its command, it must be reported that the Communist government of D'ivry had a much greater eye for beauty than the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company." The article concludes with a description of the schools in D'ivry. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 26, 1956, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "Cortina, End of the Line" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part, this article read: U

"In the morning before catching a train toward Cortina, I managed to locate the Milan office of L'Unita, the Italian Communist Party organ. Oh, yes, by actual count of newspaper readers, three out of five Italians riding in third class coaches read L'Unita....There were many questions about America, the coming elections, the difference between the two parties if any, and when and how the turn against McCarthyite repression began, to the extent there has been a turn. Did the U

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"DW play any role in this turn?... I said I thought the Senate censure of McCarthy had been very important psychologically, emboldening many liberal minded Americans to speak out on peace and civil liberties. William Z. Foster, I recalled before the censure vote, had plainly stated that this was no small matter, that it represented a crossroads, that if McCarthy was not censured, we would have taken a step on the road toward Fascism...." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 30, 1956, page seven, column four through five, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part, this column deals with RODNEY's tour of Paris and his attendance at a mass meeting addressed by "Communist Party leader Jacques Duclos." In part, the column reads: U

"For an American leftist, be it said, it is quite a sensation to walk around a city where the Communist Party is the largest in the land and to walk through working class areas where 90 per cent voted Communist." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 3, 1956, page one, column one, contained an article, entitled, "Rodney at the Olympics; Czechs Go For Hockey," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article reports an interview by RODNEY with OTAKAR BEDNAR, President of the Czech Hockey League concerning Czech participation in the 1956 Winter Olympics. This same column reports comments made also by one MIROSLAV HLADKY, Sports Editor of a Prague youth paper. RODNEY quotes HLADKY in part as saying "'We have no more millionaire class. We don't hide that. We have no more poor people. Everybody has enough, and it is getting better for everybody everyday...life (in Czechoslovakia) is good, good for everybody...people have money, everything they need.'" U

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"The Worker" issue of February 5, 1956, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "Olympics Do More Than United Nations: We Get Along With Russians, Says Star," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This column concerns relations between American and Russian teams at the Olympics. In part the article states: U

"A young American speed skater comments, 'I thought they (the Russians) were supposed to be different. I mean, you know, it didn't figure they would be so regular...' He didn't get it. By the time the games are over, he might even be musing 'someones sure's been dishing out a lot of bull about those Russians.'" U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 21, 1956, page seven, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article concerns a visit of RODNEY to the offices of the Italian CP in Rome, Italy, and an interview with ENRICO BERLINGUER, General Secretary of the Federation of Communist Italian Youth. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 22, 1956, page one, column two, contained an article, entitled, "What Italy's Young Men Read" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article in part read: U

"Rome, Italy-----Publications put out by the Federation of Communist Italian Youth are something to write home about. In my interview with Enrico Berlinguer, General Secretary of the Federation, I was presented with an armful of magazines and publications." The article discusses some of the Federation publications and continues, "As we ended the interview, Berlinguer sent greetings to American youth. 'We have no confusion between American Youth and American imperialism,' he said, 'we have great U

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sympathy for the fight of American youth and for the forces of democracy in America. We are conscious of the difficulties facing organizations such as the Labor Youth League. We would like to know more about them and how they work." U

"The Worker" issue of February 26, 1956, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "Rodney: How Stupid Do They Think We Are," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article concerns an assertion by "Newsweek Magazine" that the assassinator of LEON TROTSKY, known as JACQUES MORNARD, was a Communist. RODNEY states, "Of course Mornard wasn't a Communist at all, but one of the little anti-Communist Trotskyite sect members. As if Newsweek didn't know, Communists scorn and reject personal terrorism of all kinds, basing themselves in theory and practice on mass democratic movements of the people." U

Continuing RODNEY writes, "Since no member of a Red Army has set foot over any border since V-E Day, since no Soviet spokesman has even threatened to, but instead has proclaimed peace every day from the Kremlin-top, will Newsweek please give just one teeny weeny fact, naming time and place where 'the Red Armies seem likely to roll at dawn next day'?" U

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 28, 1956, page seven, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article deals with a visit by RODNEY to the offices of L'Unita, organ of the CP of Italy and an interview with ALFREDO REICHLIN, Main Editor of the Rome edition of L'Unita. U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 2, 1956, page two, column one, contained an article entitled, "Rodney Interviews An Italian Communist" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part this article states: U

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"What are the views on the current world situation, of the Italian CP, two million and a half strong and commanding with its Socialist allies, nearly 10 million votes in the last national elections. u

"An interview with one of the leaders of the PCI (Partito Comunista Italiano) shows they feel the Geneva spirit is not dead and cannot be killed, that the world forces of peace have drastically changed the world picture against the inevitability of war, that the convention of the Soviet Communist Party has helped open wider the road to co-existence and peace and that Italy has a strong potential role to play for peace, despite its current government being a tool of imperialistic policy, a position the Party is confident the people will repudiate in the coming municipality elections. u

"I interviewed VELIO SPANO, one of the resistance heroes of the Italian people in charge of the Party's Foreign Section, member of its Central Committee, and a member of the Italian Parliament..." The article concludes with an account of RODNEY's interview with SPANO. u

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 9, 1956, page seven, column four, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part, this article read: u

"Suggestions for J. Edgar's Professors... In the spirit of helpful reminder, I'd like to suggest the following courses for the next school conducted by men of J. Edgar." The article continues with "suggestions" for courses to be given FBI agents such as "Dangerous Desperado Course... the art of following six year olds to nursery schools. u

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"Garbage Surveillance...this involves the wheedling, threatening or bribing superintendents of apartment buildings to save the garbage of those tenants who go to peace meetings, fight discrimination, or read newspapers not on the approved list of J. Edgar..." U

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 12, 1956, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "Overflow Crowd Hails W. J. Foster and Davis," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part, this article read: U

"We salute tonight an American patriot, great working class organizer and Communist leader... An overflow crowd in a huge main floor of New York's Chateau Garden rose and cheered for William Z. Foster... The spirited, festive banquet Friday night was in honor of the 75th birthday of the National Chairman of the Communist Party, and also marked the return to active political life of Negro leader and former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., after serving, a frameup Smith Act jail term...." The article concludes with the various tributes and honors paid to FOSTER and DAVIS and presented a summation of FOSTER's speech on the occasion, U

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., is one of the 11 members of the National Committee of the CP, who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. U

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER has been previously described. U

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"The Worker" issue of March 25, 1956, page ten, column one, contained an article, entitled, "An American Visits an Italian Communist College," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article concerns RODNEY's impressions at "the famed Institute Di Studi Communisti" located south of Rome, Italy, and includes comments of its director, MARIO SPINELLA. u

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 26, 1956, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "Walter's 27 Witches Consult Crystal Ball on Soviet Policy" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article in part states: u

"Ah at last! There will soon be no questions left about the 20th Congress of the Soviet CP.... Thanks to rep. Walter and his Un-American Committee." The article continued "anyhow, that sterling champion of complete freedom of thought, the author of racist immigration laws and director of thought-control witchhunts Rep. Walter showed he knows something about himself....." u

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 8, 1956, page one, columns three through five, contained an article entitled, "Freedom of Press Wins--- We're Back" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article stated in part: u

"....a big business government attempted to suppress a peoples paper under the guise of a tax claim had failed. The Treasury Department miscalculated the strength of the free press tradition in the land." The article continued regarding efforts of the "Daily Worker" to return to its office after being evicted by agents of the Treasury Department. u

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"The Worker" issue of April 22, 1956, page six, column one, contained an article entitled, "A Yank Finds Out Why Canadians Feel That Way" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article describes a short trip to Toronto, Canada, by RODNEY and in part reads: U

"You are not in Canada long before you discover that the Rosenberg-Sobell case is still big news in that land and you realize that one of the fastest ways to attack anti-Americanism and regain our country's good name north of the border would be to do what some other countries in the world are belatedly doing these days - acknowledge a terrible frame-up crime, clear the Rosenbergs and free Morton Sobell....." U

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. They were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. U

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence at the Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California. U

F. Miscellaneous Activities

On July 13, 1956, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, New York City, reflected that [redacted] U

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and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, expressed a preference for the American Labor Party (ALP) from 1950 to 1954 inclusive. In 1955, subject did not express a preference for any political party. u

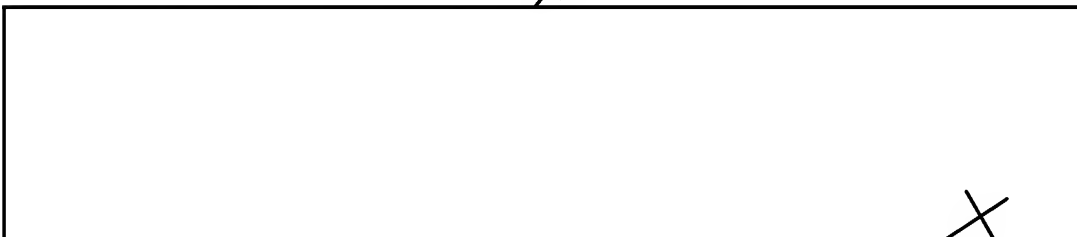
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T-23, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-23 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State. X

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T-24, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 4, 1956, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it. X

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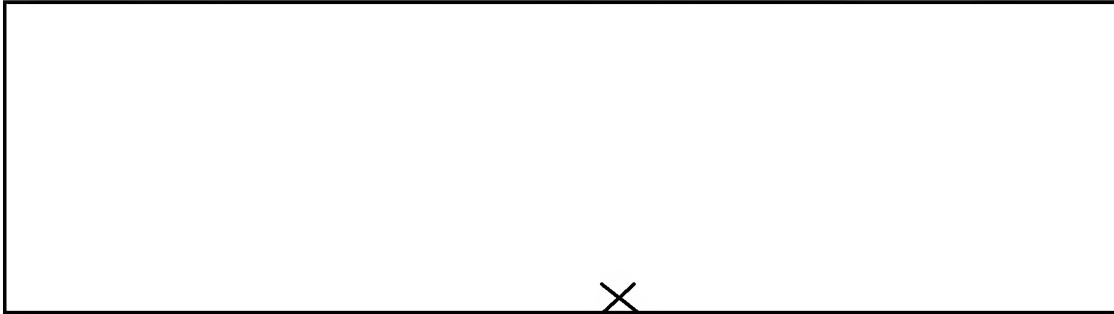
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On July 9, 1956, the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, which records reflected no recent or additional information relative to the subject. U

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted during July, 1956, and could furnish no recent or additional information relative to the subject. U

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in the report and T-symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed. u

Informants contacted with negative results concerning the subject are as follows: u

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Location of Mater.</u>
[REDACTED]	7/12/56	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	7/13/56	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	7/16/56	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report

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On 3/1/56 [REDACTED] made available material in the possession of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised on 2/1/56 that from early 1952 when [REDACTED] went into the CP Underground until the Fall of 1953, he functioned under the code name "KURT" as Coordinator of all CP activities in the South. &

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On 3/1/56, [REDACTED] advised that material in the possession of [REDACTED] consisted of notes as follows: &

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(U) [] and Les, telephone TO 7-3042" which is believed to refer to subject and his wife. Informant was unable to furnish the specific meaning in this material. X

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(U) On 6/15/56 [] made available a typewritten document that was located in the desk of MAX WEISS, National Education Director, CP, USA, National Headquarters, 101 West 16th Street, NYC. An introductory statement on this document reads in part: X

(U) "The following have been listed as persons to be approached as potential speakers on writers for a sort of Marxist information center and speakers bureau under the auspices of the Jefferson School." Following the above statement, were listed various topics and approximately 125 names. Under the heading, "General" is listed LESTER RODNEY. X

The records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, NYC, were furnished on 7/11/56 by [] to SA [] These records reflected that in 1953, LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, held NY Operators License, Number 5276186 and was then employed at Publishers New Press, Incorporated, 35 East 12th Street, NYC. U

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On 7/10/56 the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were furnished by Miss [] to SA [] which records contain no information relative to the subject. U

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The records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were reviewed on 7/13/56 by Investigative Clerk [redacted]

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The pretext telephone call on 7/17/56 to 30 Fairview Avenue, NYC, was conducted by SA [redacted] who utilized the pretext of desiring to contact the subject concerning his recent articles on segregation in southern baseball. U

The pretext telephone call on 1/16/56 to the "Daily Worker" was conducted by SA [redacted] who utilized the pretext of desiring to contribute to the subject's expense fund. U

An extra copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau in view of the State Department's interest in the subject, it being anticipated that the Bureau, in the future, may use same for dissemination purposes. U

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It is also noted that information set forth herein received from [redacted] Legal Attache, London, has been classified "Secret" in view of which this report is being classified "Secret." X

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It is noted that subject's [redacted] (Bufile 100-205832); (NY 100-50261) is carried on the Security Index of the New York Division. X

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Subject is carried on the Security Index of the NYO and his Security Index cards are current and accurate. ~~X~~

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This case has been reviewed in the light of current Security Index criteria and it still fits these criteria. ~~X~~

REFERENCES

Summary report of SA [redacted] 1/13/56. ~~u~~

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New York airtel to Bureau, 4/17/56. ~~u~~

Bureau letter to New York, 6/29/56. ~~u~~

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858) (100-3-99) DATE: 2/12/57
ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292) (#7-4) (U)

SUBJECT: CP, USA [REDACTED]
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Re Bureau letter, 3/23/56, instructing that persons previously interviewed under the TOPLEV program be considered for recontact. ~~X~~

The subject, who is known as LESTER RODNEY, was

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been Sports Editor of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker," and has recently been transferred to the Sunday Staff ~~X~~

For many years, RODNEY has written in the "Daily Worker" a sports column entitled, "On the Scoreboard." ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" issue of 11/20/56, carried a long article by RODNEY captioned, "A View on Hungary." This article was sympathetic to the freedom fighters in Hungary and critical of Soviet intervention there. RODNEY also criticized the close relationship between the CP, USA and the CPSU as well as the attitude of EUGENE DENNIS to the Hungarian problem. ~~X~~

Information has been received that RODNEY is a supporter of JOHN GATES in the current factional split within the CP. An informant advised that it appears that GATES transferred RODNEY from Sports Editor to the Sunday Staff to balance JOE NORTH and ART SHIELDS who are DENNIS-FOSTER supporters. Information has been received that RODNEY has been severely criticized by the FOSTER faction for his recent expression of opinion on the Hungarian situation and the CP's relationship with the Soviet Union. ~~X~~

RODNEY continues to reside with his [REDACTED] at 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City. ~~X~~

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MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

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November 30, 1956

MR. A. H. BELMONT

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reference is made to the attached memorandum of Mr. L. B. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated 11-29-56 wherein the question is raised whether we could furnish the "New York Herald Tribune" any ideas to negate the 11-28-56 column of Lester Rodney, sports writer for the "Daily Worker," that the 10-23-56 statement of the "Herald Tribune" was a phony when it alleged in a first-page article by Don Cook that the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) is receiving its direction and instruction from Moscow through John Williamson, deported CP leader. ~~U~~

It was noted in Rodney's column, which appeared in the "Daily Worker" on 11-28-56, that if the "Herald Tribune" does not acknowledge within a week that its front-page "splash" of 10-23-56 was a "phony," he was going to send "the documented proof of its deliberate journalistic dishonesty and contempt for its readers to the Schools of Journalism at Columbia and NYU in this city and some other Universities elsewhere, and let the students draw their own conclusions about how far they can trust the New York Herald Tribune." ~~U~~

Rodney, in his column, guarantees that the "Daily Worker" has never taken any "directives and instructions" from Moscow or any other non-American source indicating that articles which have appeared in the "Daily Worker" during the past five weeks have taken an editorial policy refusing to condone Soviet policies in Hungary. ~~U~~

In the attached memorandum, Mr. Nichols suggested that the Domestic Intelligence Division give some thought to this and if there is any information we can safely furnish, it should be done. The Director noted "OK but I don't see why Reid wants to take notice of anything Daily Worker prints. Nothing said in reply will convert them. H." ~~U~~

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
RE: ~~COMMUNIST PARTY, USA~~
~~INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS~~

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we not furnish any information to the "New York Herald Tribune" which could be used to negate the Rodney column for the following reasons: U

(1) The threat by Rodney is believed to be an attempt to "smoke out" the "Herald Tribune" source of information for the 10-23-56 article. U

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(2) The Bureau has only circumstantial evidence pointing to the fact that Williamson's letters to top Party officials represent the views of Soviet leaders with whom Williamson talked on his visits to the Soviet Union in 1955 and 1956. Almost all of our information concerning John Williamson and his relationship between the CPUSA and the Soviet leaders has been obtained through our highest informants; namely,

[redacted] It is not believed that the "Herald Tribune" should revive the allegations against Williamson through a debate or controversy with Lester Rodney since such revival might jeopardize our informants. X

BACKGROUND REGARDING LESTER RODNEY:

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Lester Rodney is carried on the Security Index and is the subject of a two-section case file. He was born April 17, 1911, in New York, New York. He has used the name Lester Rodney since 1930. His true name is Lester Rodstein. He attended New York University irregularly between September, 1930, and June, 1932, where he earned four credits in the study of journalism. Rodney was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 17, 1942, and was honorably discharged on January 3, 1946, as a private at Fort Dix, New Jersey, for reason of "demobilization." In his military service, he was a medical technician and male nurse and participated X

Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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in the battles and campaigns of New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. The "Daily Worker" of May 1, 1937, Page 10, carried a photograph of Rodney describing him as a member of the staff of the "Daily Worker." The November 1, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker" reflects that Rodney, in his column, Page 16, Column 4, said "But in addition to being a sports writer, I happen to be a communist." The February 2, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article by Rodney wherein he stated "I have been a 'staffer' on the Daily Worker for 12 years." ~~X~~

Rodney usually writes concerning sports in his articles for the "Daily Worker"; however, the November 20, 1956, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article by Rodney entitled "A View on Hungary." In this article, Rodney said "It is my opinion that the Soviet intervention is indefensible." This article was carried in the same issue in which a statement of the National Committee of the CPUSA was set forth saying "We do not seek to justify the use of Soviet troops in Hungary's internal crisis on November 4. Neither do we join in the condemnation of these actions." ~~X~~

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

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DATE: 7-17-56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa
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✓ "Daily Worker"

35 East 12th Street, N.Y.C.

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Reurlet February 12, 1957. U

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referenced letter Podstein who has been writing a sports column for the "Daily Worker" has been transferred to the Sunday Staff. Podstein has been writing for some years for the "Daily Worker"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject has been employed by the publishers of the "Daily Worker" since 1936 and allegedly has been a member of the CP since the early 1930s.

Since before 1953 and until recently Rodstein was sports editor of the "Daily Worker" and has just been transferred to the Sunday Staff.

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TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, wa: Lester Rodney		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY aja
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS:

(U) Subject resides 30 Fairview Ave., NYC, and is employed as feature and sports writer with "The Worker", 35 E. 12th St., NYC. Subject on vacation from employment until Sept., 1957. Subject attended NY County CP Convention, 1/18-19/57; NY State CP Convention, 1/25-26/57; one or more sessions of the 16th National Convention of the CP in Feb., 1957; Reconvened NY State CP convention, 3/30-31/57; NY State CP Conference to rally support for "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"; convention of Industrial Division, NY State CP, 5/10/57. RODNEY described by JACK STACHEL as among anti-party and anti-Soviet group in "Daily Worker." Subject sent 1955 Christmas greeting to imprisoned CP officials. Various articles by-lined LESTER RODNEY, 1956-1957, appearing in "Daily Worker" and

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"The Worker" set forth. Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in NY area could furnish no recent informant re subject. ~~X~~

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On August 7, 1957, a person who identified herself as the superintendent at 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, but who refused to reveal her identity, was interviewed under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This person advised that LESTER RODNEY resides at that address and was presently in California on vacation. She stated he was expected to return to New York in September, 1957. U

B. Employment

The September 27, 1956, ^{issue} of the "Daily Worker", page five, column one, contained an item entitled, "20 Fruitful Years." In part this article read, "We know our readers join us in congratulating Lester Rodney on rounding out 20 years as sports editor. Lester was hovering with a blue pencil over the proof of our first sports page in September, 1936. Except for four years in the Army during World War II, he has handled the job for two decades." U

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper, the Sunday edition of which is "The Worker." U

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On November 30, 1956, T-1 advised that as of that time LESTER RODNEY was sports editor of the "Daily Worker." ~~X~~

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(U) On December 18, 1956, T-1 stated that on or about that date, LESTER RODNEY had been transferred from sports editor of the "Daily Worker" to the Sunday staff of "The Worker." ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker", issue of December 20, 1956, page five, column one, contained an article entitled, "Our New Sports Editor." In part this article stated, "It will be strange, at first, to read that page (sports) without the familiar 'On the Scoreboard' by Lester Rodney... Now, after 20 years, Lester is understandably a wee bit weary of the grind. Hereafter he will serve as feature writer and reporter for the weekend Worker and for the Daily Worker, and will continue a weekly sports page in the Worker." U

"The Worker", issue of December 30, 1956, page four, contained an article entitled, "Good News." This article stated that LESTER RODNEY had joined "The Worker" as a full-time member of the staff. U

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On May 27, 1957, T-3 advised that on May 24, 1957, [redacted] Editor of "The Worker", announced that LESTER RODNEY, sports editor of "The Worker", would take his vacation during the months of July and August, 1957, for the purpose of visiting California. [redacted] stated RODNEY would visit his mother-in-law who is aged and apparently in ill health. T-3 stated a replacement had been named to fill in on "The Worker" during RODNEY's absence. ~~X~~

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On August 8, 1957, T-3 advised that LESTER RODNEY had departed for California on or shortly before July 1, 1957. T-3 stated RODNEY planned to be absent from his employment at "The Worker" for a period of approximately two months. ~~X~~

It is noted the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" are published by the Publishers New Press, Inc., 35 East 12th Street, New York City. U

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Membership

- (U) In August, 1956, T-2 advised that a meeting was held on August 28, 1956, at Nowak Hall, 5703 Chone Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. According to T-2, this meeting was believed to be a CP nationality group meeting. LESTER RODNEY of the "Daily Worker" staff was present and, in a speech, indicated he had just attended the National and Michigan Democratic Conventions. According to T-2, RODNEY expressed the belief the Democrats got together before the Conventions for the purpose of selling out their stand on civil rights. ~~X~~
- (U) On January 22, 1957, T-3 advised that LESTER RODNEY was among persons in attendance at either or both of the first and second sessions of the New York County CP Convention held January 18-19, 1957, at the Yugoslav American Cooperative Home, Inc., 405 West 41st Street, New York City. ~~X~~
- The Yugoslav American Cooperative Home, Inc., 405 West 41st Street, New York City, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U
- (U) On January 22, 1957, T-4 advised that the New York State CP would hold its convention on January 25-27, 1957, at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City. ~~X~~
- On January 25, 1957, Special Agents of the FBI observed individuals who were at the Chateau Gardens, New York City, on that date. U
- (U) On April 2, 1957, T-3 and T-5 identified a photograph of one of the above individuals as being that of the subject. ~~X~~

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(U) On January 27, 1957, T-3 advised that during the January 27, 1957, session of the New York State CP Convention held at the Chateau Gardens, New York City, nominations were received for the election of 14 delegates-at-large from the State Convention to the National Convention of the CP, USA. T-3 pointed out that LESTER RODNEY was among persons nominated but who declined. ~~X~~

(U) On January 28, 1957, T-6 advised that the session of the New York State CP Convention was held at Chateau Gardens on January 26, 1957. T-6 advised LESTER RODNEY was present and spoke in support of the draft resolution of the CP. RODNEY stated he thought there was a chance for Party unity and commented he had been with the "Daily Worker" for 20 years. ~~X~~

(U) On January 30, 1957, T-1 advised that LESTER RODNEY was among delegates from the "Daily Worker" who attended the sessions of the New York State CP Convention on January 26, 1957, at Chateau Gardens, New York City. ~~X~~

(U) On February 4, 1957, T-1 advised that a staff conference of the "Daily Worker" was held on February 1, 1957, in New York City, at which recent problems and changes in the CP, USA, line were discussed. According to T-1, LESTER RODNEY, who was present, commented that in his opinion the Russians were wrong in the Hungarian situation but that he, RODNEY, would not walk out of the Party whatever happened. ~~X~~

(U) On February 13, 1957, T-7 advised that the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, was held on February 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1957, at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City. ~~X~~

On February 10, 1957, and February 11, 1957, Special Agents of the FBI observed individuals entering or leaving Chateau Gardens, New York City. 4

(U) On March 12, 1957, T-3 identified a photograph of one of the above individuals who was present at Chateau Gardens on February 10 and 11, 1957, as that of the subject. ~~X~~

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In February, 1957, T-7 advised that LESTER RODNEY as a visitor attended one or more sessions of the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, held February 9-12, 1957, at the Chateau Gardens, New York City. ~~X~~

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On February 14, 1957, T-8 observed material located at CP National Headquarters, New York City. A portion of this material consisted of one page of notations bearing the title, "Visitors to National Convention - Daily Worker Staff." Among the names listed under this caption was "L. Rodney." ~~X~~

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On February 19, 1957, T-9 advised that during the evening of that date a meeting was held in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. According to T-9, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY indicated the meeting had been proposed as an informal get-together to exchange opinions and to make some estimates of the results of the Conventions. ~~X~~

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On February 19, 1957, Special Agents of the FBI observed individuals entering or leaving Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, New York City. U

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On March 19, 1957, T-3 identified a photograph of one of the above individuals as being that of the subject. ~~X~~

"The Worker", issue of February 17, 1957, page 12, reported GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY had been elected as a member of the CP National Committee at the February 12, 1957, session of the CP National Convention. U

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On April 1, 1957, T-3 advised that the reconvened session of the New York State CP Convention was held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on March 30 and 31, 1957. ~~X~~

On March 30, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI observed LESTER RODNEY entering Yugoslav Hall at 11:01 AM on that date. U

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On March 31, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI observed LESTER RODNEY entering Yugoslav Hall at 10:47 AM on that date. ~~U~~

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On April 2, 1957, T-10 advised that the Reconvened New York State CP Convention was held on March 30 and 31, 1957, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. T-10 advised that one LESTER from the staff of the "Daily Worker" was present at this Convention. ~~X~~

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On April 22, 1957, and May 3, 1957, T-3 advised LESTER RODNEY had attended ^{the} sessions of the Reconvened New York State CP Convention held March 30 and 31, 1957, at New York City. ~~X~~

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On April 26, 1957, T-1 advised that on April 10, 1957, a New York State CP Conference was held at Yugoslav Hall, New York City, to rally support for the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." According to T-1, LESTER RODNEY was in attendance. ~~X~~

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On May 10, 1957, T-11 advised that a Convention of the Industrial Division of the New York State CP was held on that day at Alhambra Hall, 15 Second Avenue, New York City. According to T-11, this Convention commenced at 8 PM on May 10, 1957, and ended at 12:15 AM on May 11, 1957. ~~X~~

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On May 8, 1957, T-12 advised no one would be admitted into the Industrial Convention on May 10, 1957, without official credentials. ~~X~~

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On May 10, 1957, T-13 advised that no other meetings would be held at Alhambra Hall on that date. ~~X~~

On May 10, 1957, Special Agents of the FBI observed individuals entering Alhambra Hall on that date between 6:37 PM and approximately 8:30 PM. ~~U~~

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On July 3, 1957, T-3 identified a photograph of one of the above individuals as being that of the subject. ~~X~~

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On May 10, 1957, T-11 advised that during the Convention of the Industrial Division of the New York State CP, a discussion was held as to the various stands being taken on Party issues. One LESTER spoke in defense of the "Daily Worker." He pointed out that the National Committee had surveyed 40 issues of the "Daily Worker" and had found it followed the Party line 90 per cent of the time. LESTER stated that there was never criticism of left sectarianism on the "Daily Worker" only the criticism of the right. He pointed out in conclusion that the National Convention had recognized that left sectarianism is the theory the Party must break away from to carry on the fight against the right. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker", issue of June 7, 1957, page two, column one, contained an article entitled, "Garment Area Stirred By Facts About The H-Bomb." In part this article read, "Communist Party leaders yesterday led a whirlwind noonhour distribution of 3,500 copies of the Worker's four page supplement on H-bomb facts, in the garment-fur areas and New York's west side." The article pointed out that the CP leaders were joined in the action by a group of "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" staff members including LESTER RODNEY. ~~U~~

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On June 27 and 28, 1957, T-7 advised that a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA, was held at National CP Headquarters, New York City, on June 22 and 23, 1957. T-7 stated that in a speech on the "Daily Worker" situation, JACK STACHEL indicated that within the staff of the "Daily Worker" there were about six people who follow a certain line which is anti-Soviet and anti-Party. He pointed out these persons are not being fought but are being encouraged. Among the persons he named as being in this group was LESTER RODNEY. ~~X~~

B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

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On October 1, 1956, T-14 advised that on September 23, 1956, LESTER RODNEY and his family attended the annual picnic on behalf of the "Daily Worker" held at Camp Midvale, Wanaque, New Jersey. ~~X~~

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On March 22 and 23, 1956, T-15 advised that during the 1955 Christmas season, [] and LESTER RODNEY, New York City, sent greetings to GEORGE MEYERS, Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia. X

GEORGE ALOYSIOUS MEYERS, JR., was a former inmate of the Federal Reformatory at Petersburg, Virginia. MEYERS was sentenced in the United States District Court at Baltimore, Maryland, on January 27, 1953, to serve four years for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence. MEYERS was conditionally released from the Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia, on March 24, 1956. U

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On May 21 and 22, 1956, T-15 advised that during the 1955 Christmas season, [] and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, sent greetings to ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON, Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia. X

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ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON was convicted on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiring to advocate to overthrow the United States Government by force and violence and violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He was sentenced to serve three years and was fined \$6,000. He began to serve his sentence on January 11, 1955, at the Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia. U

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On May 21, 1956, T-15 advised that [] and LESTER RODNEY, 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, during the 1955 Christmas season, sent greetings to AL LANNON, Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia. X

ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on February 3, 1953, for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. LANNON was sentenced to serve two years and fined \$4,000. He began serving his sentence on January 11, 1955. U

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C. Writings By-lined by LESTER RODNEY
Evidencing the Furtherance of and Adherence
to the CP Line and/or Sympathies with
the Communist Movement

The "Daily Worker", issue of August 29, 1956, page eight, column one, contained the column, "On The Scoreboard" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article read in part, "It is hard to let some things go by unnoticed, like this man Walter's publicized (findings) that the defenders of the Rosenbergs committed a gigantic fraud, never really wanted to help them, and aimed only to blacken their country's good name. In a manner of speaking, since I work on a newspaper which most passionately fought for the Rosenbergs and certainly fights for justice for Morton Sobell, and since I personally did some little, though hardly enough, this Walter person is speaking about me, so I know you won't mind if the scoreboard deviates from sports this day..... Walter and his Un-American group lie in their teeth on every count. The fight to save the Rosenbergs was no fraud. It was a fight for truth and justice. It was a fight against a terrible frame-up built on perjured testimony and against a viciously biased sentence cast in Mc Carthyite hysteria." The article continued with a renunciation of the Walters Committee, the Supreme Court for its failure to review the Rosenberg case and the Justice Department for "pressing the high court majority into an abandonment of the great traditional American guarantees." U

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. U

On March 29, 1951, MORTON SOBELL was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 15, 1951, he was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment and is currently serving his sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California. U

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The "Daily Worker", issue of November 8, 1956, page eight, column one, contained the column, "On the Scoreboard", by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article criticized a recent editorial in the "New York Post" which termed the denunciation of STALIN as the "death of a dogma." RODNEY pointed out the dogma that was STALIN is now gone but Socialism remains for a better future for mankind than capitalism could ever offer. He condemns Soviet action in Budapest as wrong but points out that no one seems to condemn the "cynical aggression" of the Colonialists in Egypt. He concludes the article with the comment, "I'll stick with Socialism, thanks." ((

The "Daily Worker", issue of November 20, 1956, page four, columns four and five, contained an article entitled, "A View on Hungary," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article reviewed the Hungarian situation and criticized the actions of the Soviets in putting down the Hungarian Revolution. RODNEY stated the Soviet intervention was indefensible and continues, "I'm afraid I no longer have confidence in the ability of the Soviet leaders to decide when a nation is fascist or going fascist..... Socialism to us meant the Soviet Union. It meant the CPSU. It meant the leadership of the CPSU. Since they WERE Socialism, they could do no wrong because whatever they did was in the interest of Socialism. Ah, but it turns out now that leaders of the CPSU did terrible harm to the interest of Socialism.....Believing this, one avoids the twin dangers of being seen as a Russian apologist and losing one's faith in Socialism..... I believe right now, on this issue, is the moment to rescue the fine heritage of the movement (Socialism) and make meaningful its future role by wrenching free once and for all from the disastrous and unnecessary wrong relationship with the Soviet Union." ((

"The Worker", issue of February 17, 1957, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "Independence Unity Feature CP Parlay" by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article, beginning with the words "The Party won", concerned the 16th National Convention of the ((

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The "Daily Worker", issue of March 4, 1957, page two, column two, contained an article entitled, "Romance - And Our Own Iron Curtain," by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article concerned a possible marriage between an American Olympic star and a Czechoslovakian girl who had also participated in the Olympics. The article commented on the United States' restrictions against Czechoslovakian athletes visiting the United States and pointed out, "Yet, Washington won't permit a single Czech athlete to come here. In other words, our iron curtain is still easily 10 times higher than the Czech's."

"The Worker", issue of June/6, 1957, page eight, column three, contained an article entitled, "From Alcatraz, Sobell Stirs the Conscience of Americans", ||

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by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In part this article read, "The Rosenberg-Sobell case was a frame-up. It is a nightmare sewer of all that went wrong and rotten in our land in the heyday of Mc Carthy hysteria. Four years ago on June 19, 1953, it was a gentle, sunny Friday. The government put a direct phone into the death house from Washington and said 'confess' and you will live to see Saturday. Ethel and Julius Rosenberg scorned the immoral offer. As the sun went down over the Hudson, the government pulled the switch and made two little boys orphans. America the beautiful had sunk deep into shame." U

The article then comments on an interview with MORTON SOBELL's mother and then states, "They put Morton Sobell on the hell rock of Alcatraz in 1952 with the hope they could break him. 30 years are a long time on Alcatraz and this is a man with a wife and little boy whom he dearly loves.....Morton Sobell must be freed. There is no task more patriotic for any American to dedicate himself to. A Frenchman would be horrified at the thought of France if the Dreyfus case had never been corrected. France would not be France today. America cannot be America until Morton Sobell, an innocent man, walks from Alcatraz a free man." U

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, cognizant of some CP activity in the New York area, were contacted relative to the subject during August, 1957, and could furnish no recent information concerning him. U

On August 1, 1957, records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and these records reflected no additional information regarding the subject subsequent to August, 1956. U

During December, 1956, an article by-lined LESTER RODNEY appeared in the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", all of which concerned the situation in Clinton, Tennessee, and Montgomery, Alabama, regarding segregation issues. These articles are as follows: U

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Paper</u>	<u>Title</u>
December 6, 1956	"Daily Worker", page one, column one	"Clinton, Tenn., Citizens Force Federal Action"
December 16, 1956	"The Worker", page one, column one	"Montgomery Report - A Church, An Overflow Crowd And a 16-year Old Boy"
December 7, 1956	"Daily Worker", page one	"Clinton Welcomes Arrest of Racists"
December 11, 1956	"Daily Worker", page one, column one	"The New Clinton"
December 9, 1956	"The Worker", page one	"Clinton, Tenn.: Our Reporter Talks to The Students"

"The Worker", issue of May 26, 1957, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "The Pilgrims Gathered, the World Heard...", by-lined LESTER RODNEY. This article reported on a Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom held in Washington, D.C., on May 17, 1957. U

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On May 21, 1957, T-14 advised that on May 17, 1957, a Prayer Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., was held at the Lincoln Memorial marking the third anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision on school desegregation. T-14 advised that LESTER RODNEY from New York was in attendance at this affair. X

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION
ASSOCIATION, Formerly
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of America, Inc.

Nature Friends of America, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a Certificate of Dissolution for Nature Friends of America, Inc., was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954. A confidential informant advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of Nature Friends of America, Inc., held on February 25, 1954, in New York City a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of Nature Friends of America, Inc., were transferred to the Metropolitan Recreation Association. On April 21, 1954, an informant made available a copy of the constitution of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, which, under Article II, sets forth the aims of the organization as follows: U

"The purpose of this association is to bring together men and women interested in nature and its preservation, study and utilization for their benefit through recreation, sport and social activities by the common effort and cooperation of the members of the Association." U

On March 26, 1954, a confidential informant made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News", official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed Metropolitan Recreation Association is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale. The Metropolitan Recreation Association as of March 20, 1957, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address. U

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377684) DATE: 7/18/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 7/3/57, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, (conceal) orally furnished information to SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the NYO. U

The informant stated that [REDACTED] Editor of "The Worker" had stated that on 7/1/57, [REDACTED] would assume the position of Sports Editor on the staff of "The Worker" beginning on 7/9/57, and extending through the months of July, and August. Informant stated that [REDACTED] will work five days a week from nine to twelve, and will receive pay for her work, and will prepare a minimum of one sports article per week for inclusion in the Sunday "Worker". U

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The informant stated that [REDACTED] is replacing LESTER RODNEY, the former Sports Editor of "The Worker," who will be visiting the West Coast during the months of July and August. The informant speculated that there is a strong probability RODNEY will not reassume his duties as Sports Editor of "The Worker" and [REDACTED] may permanently be assigned the position. U

In recent weeks, [REDACTED] has prepared articles on jazz music, sports, and cigarette smoking which have been published in "The Worker" with the by-line of [REDACTED], a name assigned to her by [REDACTED] assumes that [REDACTED]'s articles will continue to have this by-line. U

The above for information. U

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1 - New York (100-86066) [REDACTED] (#19)
1 - New York (97-169) (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (#7-2)
1 - New York (100-13292) (LESTER RODNEY) (#7-2)
1 - New York (100-9352) [REDACTED] (#7-2)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: 6-24-57

FROM : W. G. EAMES

SUBJECT:

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The report of SA Joseph V. Waters dated 5-14-57 at New York indicates that 452 individuals were in attendance at the 16th National Convention of the CP USA, 2-9 through 2-14-57, in N.Y.C. (100-3-6094). The attendance of individuals at this convention or their designation as a delegate thereto should be in the individual's main file and a copy of this memorandum will be filed there in lieu of indexing. If approved, the following format will be used. The page number preceding the name indicates the page of the above serial where information re each individual appears. 4

Name of person in attendance: (Page 100) LESTER RODNEY

Attended as: (1) Delegate _____

(2) Alternate _____

(3) Guest or visitor XName of delegate or alternate (Page)
who is not known to have attended _____

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VACATION NEWS

Lester Rodney, sports editor and feature writer of The Worker, is on a combined vacation and leave of absence for two months. Roosevelt Ward Jr., sports editor of the Daily Worker, is partly pinch-hitting for Rodney this week and next week. Rodney will, during his absence, contribute occasional features to The Worker.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 3/5/57

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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✓ "The Worker", 35 East 12th Street, New York, NY

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

August 24, 1957

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Re: Lester Rodstein, with alias:
Lester Rodney
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In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, the following is an evaluation of the informants set forth therein: u

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T-2, T-8, T-9, T-11, T-12, T-13 and T-15 were in a position to furnish reliable information. x

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T-1, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7, T-10 and T-14 have furnished reliable information in the past. x

This is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned. u

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description Of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-2 [redacted]				100-13292-463
T-3 [redacted]	Subject at one or more sessions of NY County CP Convention, 1/18-19/57		b2 b7D	[redacted]
	Identified photo of subject, 4/2/57			100-13292-549
	Subject nominated as delegate, 1/27/57			100-13292-500
	Identified photo of subject at site of 16th Nat'l Convention, CP, USA			100-13292-544
	Identified photo of subject on 3/19/57			100-13292-535
	Location & date of Reconvened NY State CP Convention			100-13292-541
	Subject at Reconvened NY State CP Convention, 3/30-31/57			100-13292-552
	Identified photo of subject at Alhambra Hall, NYC			100-13292-565
	Employment, 8/8/57			Instant report
	Subject on two month vacation			100-13292-563

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T-4 [redacted]	NY State CP Con- vention to be held 1/25-27/57			100-13292-549
T-5 [redacted]	Identified photo of subject, 4/2/57			100-13292-549
T-6 [redacted]	Subject at NY State CP Convention, 1/26/57		b2 b7D	100-13292-505
T-7 CG 5824-S*	Re 16th National Con- vention, CP, USA			100-13292-544
	Subject as visitor at 16th National Convention, CP, USA			100-13292-517
	Re comments of JACK STACHEL at National Executive Committee of CP, 6/22-23/57			100-13292-577
T-8 [redacted]				100-13292-522
T-9 [redacted]				100-13292-522
T-10 [redacted]	One LESTER from "Daily Worker" at Reconvened NY State CP Convention, 4/30, 31/57		b2 b7D	[redacted]
T-11 [redacted]				
T-12 [redacted]				

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T-13 [redacted] NYC (request)	re meetings at Alhambra Hall, NYC			100-13292-565
T-14 [redacted]	Subject at annual "Daily Worker" picnic, 9/23/56		b2 b6 b7C b7D	100-13292-471
	Subject at Prayer Pilgrimage, 5/17/57			100-13292-559
T-15 [redacted] [redacted] (request)	Greetings to GEORGE MEYERS, Christmas, 1955			100-13292-454
	Greetings to ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON, Christmas, 1955			100-13292-464
	Greetings to AL LANNON, Christmas, 1955			100-13292-458

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the enclosed report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed. 4

Informants used to document Camp Midvale, as set forth in Appendix section of the report, were:

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2. [redacted] (former)

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Informants cognizant of some CP activity in NY area, contacted relative to the subject during August, 1957, are as follows:

Informant	Date of Contact	Agent	Location of Info
	8/5/57		Instant report
	8/7/57		Instant report

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 7/3/57, [] stated that [] had been appointed by [], Editor of "The Worker", to assume the position as sports writer of the paper during July and August, 1957, in the absence of LESTER RODNEY. [] stated she feels there is a possibility that RODNEY will not resume his duties as sports editor and [] may be permanently assigned the position. U

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On 8/8/57, [] expressed the opinion that RODNEY has become an extreme right winger and has developed an indifferent attitude toward the paper and the Party. [] advised that from this she had developed the opinion that RODNEY may never return to "The Worker." U

The fisur at Chateau Gardens on 1/25/57, NY State CP Convention, was conducted by SAS [] and PETER C. MITESSER. U

The fisur at Yugoslav Hall, NYC, on 2/10/57, was conducted by SAS [] HOBSON H. ADCOCK and [] U

The fisur at Yugoslav Hall on 2/11/57, was conducted by SAS [] [] JOHN B. MEADE and PETER C. MITESSER. U

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The fisur at Adelphi Hall on 2/19/57 was conducted by SA [] U

The agent who observed the subject entering Yugoslav Hall on March 30, 1957, and 3/31/57 was SA [] U

The fisur on 5/10/57 at Alhambra Hall was conducted by SAS [] and PAUL J. NEUMANN. U

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The pretext interview with the superintendent at 30 Fairview Ave., NYC, was conducted by SA [redacted] who used the pretext of a friend desiring to comment on RODNEY's articles on segregation. U

(U) This report is being classified confidential in view of the nature of the information contained therein. It is noted subject's [redacted] (Bufile 100-205832; NYfile 100-50261) is carried on the SI of the NYO. X

(U) Subject is carried on the SI of the NYO and his SI cards are current and accurate. X

A suitable photograph of the subject is available to the NYO in subject's case file. U

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(U) Subject was interviewed on 11/9/53 by SAS of the NYO at which time he refused to make any comment to this Bureau. Subsequent to that time, no information has been received to indicate RODNEY would be more willing to talk to this Bureau. In view of this and in view of his recent participation in subversive matters, no request is being made for a second interview at this time. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of SI criteria and still fits this criteria. X

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], 8/7/56, at NY. U

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 8/20/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa
Lester Rodney
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Enclosed herewith is the original and three copies of the report of SA [redacted], and the original and three copies of a blank memo, both dated and captioned as above. U

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-1 [redacted]	Subject sports editor of "Daily Worker", 11/30/56			100-13292-476
	Subject transferred to staff of "The Worker"			100-13292-487
	Subject among delegates from "Daily Worker" who attended NY State CP Convention			100-13292-507
	Subject's comments at "The Worker" staff conference, 2/1/57			100-13292-50
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LESTER RODSTEIN
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Subject was employed by the publishers of the "Daily Worker" since 1936 and allegedly has been a member of the CP since the early 1930's.

From 1958 until recently, when he lost his job with the newspaper, he was sports editor and a member of the Sunday staff.

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Information has been received that RODNEY has reached an agreement with EUGENE DENNIS as to his severance pay from "The Worker". He has indicated that he is disgusted with the present status of the CP and the closing of the party paper. An informant expressed the opinion that RODNEY is apparently through with the CP.

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RODNEY resides at 30 Fairview Ave., NYC, and is on the SI.

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[REDACTED] Information has been received that the subject is unemployed but is doing free lance writing. Pretext telephone calls reveal that he is usually at home during the day. During the course of spot checks he has not been observed leaving his residence. U

The subject when writing on the death of HOWARD RUSHMORE in January, 1958, referred sarcastically to an alleged effort by the FBI to get him (RODNEY) to "cooperate." U

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Subject's address changed from 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, to 2108 West 108th Street, Los Angeles, California. Subject no longer employed with "Daily Worker" and present employment unknown. Subject reportedly was considered extreme right winger in Party in July of 1957. Subject's final column in "Daily Worker" of 1/13/58 contained a declaration that he would always be "proud of having been in a Party and having worked on a newspaper which did so much for my country." Subject described in April 1958, as no longer on paper but still in Party. Referred in article in DW to imprisonment of GILBERT GREEN and HENRY WINSTON under Smith Act as a miscarriage of justice and a fraud. Name appears as witness to Nominating Petition of People's Rights Party candidate ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. Articles appearing in DW and "The Worker" set out. Name appeared as one of signers to letter in DW criticizing National Administrative Committee for their criticism of JOHN GATES on statement concerning rumored suspension of "Daily Worker." Subject demanded severance pay after being released by DW and was criticized by CP leaders for

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this action. Former staff of DW reportedly planned dinner for subject in June, 1958, prior to his departure for California to make his home. ~~X~~

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

(U) On July 22, 1958, T-1 advised that LESTER RODNEY had changed his address in June, 1958, from 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, to 2108 West 108th Street, Los Angeles, California. ~~X~~

Employment

(U) T-2 on November 8, 1957, advised that as of that date, LESTER RODNEY was on the "Daily Worker" editorial staff as a general reporter and sports columnist. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" is a former East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" of January 13, 1958, which was the final edition of the "Daily Worker," carried an article on page 7, column 5, headed "The Scoreboard," over the by-line of LESTER RODNEY. This column related that RODNEY had written the lead story on the "Daily Worker's" first sports page in September, 1936, and that the column on January 13, 1958, would be his final column. ~~X~~

(U) On January 31, 1958, T-2 advised that the last articles written by LESTER RODNEY for the "Daily Worker" were appearing in "The Worker" under the by-line "J.C. HOUSE." ~~X~~

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper. ~~X~~

On February 2, 1958, the subject was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI, under suitable pretext, at which time he advised that he was no longer with the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker" because of a reduction in staff. ~~X~~

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On March 3, 1958, T-3 advised that he had been told on that date by the subject that the subject had been doing some free-lance writing and was planning to go to California. ~~(U)~~

(U) The periodical "Jewish Currents," issue of June, 1958, contained an article on page 18, titled, "Jewish Champs in Sport." The author of this article was shown as LESTER RODNEY. ~~(U)~~

(U) T-4 on June 3, 1958, furnished information that in May, 1958, LESTER RODNEY had advised WILLIAM PATTERSON, General Manager of "The Worker," that he, RODNEY, had been unemployed since leaving the "Daily Worker." ~~(U)~~

"The Worker" of January 26, 1958, page 16, column 4, reported that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had been appointed General Manager of "The Worker." ~~(U)~~

The subject's employment at the present time is not known. ~~(U)~~

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Membership in the Communist Party (CP)

(U) On August 5, 1957, T-5 advised that LESTER RODNEY had gone to the West Coast on or around July 1, 1957, for two months. T-5 advised that there was a feeling at the office of "The Worker" that RODNEY might not return to New York City and "The Worker." T-5 stated this feeling was based on the fact that RODNEY was considered an extreme right-winger in the political ranks of the CP and in recent months he had maintained a somewhat indifferent attitude regarding the then current factional disputes within the CP. ~~(U)~~

(U) T-6 on January 8, 1958, furnished information that at a meeting of the Board of the Industrial Division of the CP on that date, [redacted] of the "Daily Worker" stated that LESTER RODNEY, along with certain other employees of the "Daily Worker" had stated they were leaving the Party. ~~(U)~~

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(U) On December 27, 1954, T-7 reported that at a Press meeting of District 7, CP, USA, held at Detroit, Michigan, on December 16, 1954, [redacted] was introduced as Labor Editor of the "Daily Worker." ~~C~~

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(U) T-8 advised that GENE DENNIS had stated in early January, 1958, that JOHN GATES had stated he was going to resign from the CP and this would probably take place within a week of January 6, 1958. DENNIS also stated, according to the informant, that he felt that if GATES left, among those he would take along would be LESTER RODNEY. ~~C~~

(U) T-8 on June 3, 1957, advised that JOHN GATES had been elected Secretary for Public Affairs and to the National Administrative Committee of the CP at the National Executive Committee meeting on May 22-23, 1957. The informant also at that time described GATES as Editor-in-Chief of the "Daily Worker." On January 10, 1958, JOHN GATES resigned from the CP. ~~C~~

The "Daily Worker" of February 13, 1957, identified EUGENE DENNIS as one of the twenty members-at-large of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 16th National Convention, February 9-12, 1957. ~~C~~

In the "Daily Worker" of January 13, 1958, page 7, column 5, the column "The Scoreboard" over the by-line of LESTER RODNEY, which was said to be the final column by RODNEY, contained reminiscences of his career as a sports writer for the "Daily Worker" and ended with the following sentence: ~~C~~

"As I think of the way the widening ripples from the great victory moved ever outward, how they soaked into our country's life and became part of the Supreme Court decision on schools, I know that no matter what conclusions I may draw from present party developments, I will always, repeat, always be proud of having been in a party and having worked on a newspaper which did so much for my country." ~~C~~

(U) On February 4, 1958, T-5 advised that he had a talk with subject at the Headquarters of "The Worker", during which RODNEY expressed himself as being extremely disgusted with both the CP and the operation of the paper. ~~C~~

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On April 13, 1958, T-9 furnished information that on that date WILLIAM WEINSTONE had described LESTER RODNEY, along with certain other individuals, as being the "GATES forces" who were no longer on the paper but were still in the Party. ~~X~~

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On May 27, 1957, T-10 advised that WILLIAM WEINSTONE was made Educational Director of the New York State CP on May 25, 1957. ~~X~~

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B. Evidence of Sympathy with the Aims and Purposes of the Communist Party

On December 30, 1957, T-11 furnished information reflecting that in 1957 the name of [] and LESTER RODNEY of 30 Fairview Avenue, New York City, appeared on a Christmas greeting card addressed to GILBERT GREEN, who was then an inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. ~~X~~

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The "Daily Worker" of January 1, 1951, identified GILBERT GREEN as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950. GREEN was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. He is currently serving his sentence. ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" on December 18, 1957, carried a column on page 4, column 4, under the by-line of LESTER RODNEY, in which he related that "The New York Times" had on the previous day printed a letter of his calling for the release of GILBERT GREEN and HENRY WINSTON. This column read in part: ~~X~~

"....That is certainly the main thing, anything which might possibly help speed up the ending of this barbaric injustice. The Justice Department must reluctantly admit that under the American laws of evidence insisted on by a post-McCarthy Supreme Court, it has no evidence, no case whatsoever, and must drop Smith Act re-trials in California and other states. ~~X~~

"Yet Green and Winston are still in jail, though they are the victims of the exact same miscarriage of justice, the exact same fraud!" ~~X~~

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The "Daily Worker" of January 1, 1951, identified HENRY WINSTON as a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950. WINSTON was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. He is currently serving his sentence. ((

The Board of Elections of New York City made available on November 20, 1957, a photographic copy of page 254 of the Independent Nominating Petition of the People's Rights Party circulated on behalf of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, candidate for the public office of City Councilman, 24th Senatorial District, Borough of Manhattan. The name LESTER RODNEY of 30 Fairview Avenue, appears as a witness to the signatures on page 254 of the petition, which is dated September 19, 1957. ((

The People's Rights Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. ((

The "Daily Worker" of September 11, 1957, page 3, column 4, contains an article headed "Canvassing Scribe Finds They Weren't Kidding," over the by-line of LESTER RODNEY. In this article the writer described his experiences in canvassing for signatures in the Lower East Side for the petition to put ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN on the ballot as a candidate for City Council. ((

"The Worker" of September 22, 1957, page 12, column 1, carried an article headed "Interview with City Council Candidate, Gratified by East Side Response, Elizabeth Flynn Tells Reporter," and by-lined LESTER RODNEY. The article referred to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as a veteran Communist leader less than four months out of jail on the "now crumbling Smith Act fraud" and reported her views as the People's Rights Party candidate for New York City Council. ((

On May 8, 1958, T42 identified LESTER RODNEY as one of the individuals appearing in a group photograph of participants marching in the May Day Parade of 1949. X

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C. Relations with the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"

1. Writings Appearing in the "Daily Worker"
By-lined by LESTER RODNEY Evidencing
Adherence to the CP Line and/or Sympathy
with the Communist Movement

The "Daily Worker" of November 4, 1957, page 4, column 1, contained an article headed, "'Battle for the Minds of Men' Dept." by-lined LESTER RODNEY. In this article RODNEY referred to an attack of GEORGE SOKOLSKY in the "New York Journal-American" on MARTHA DODD STERN and her husband, ALFRED STERN. The article quoted the STERNS as stating that they were proud of "what they had stood for in the past and stand for now," and set out their activities, including such items as supporting and defending the Spanish Loyalists and the Chinese struggle for liberation, their activity in the American Labor and Progressive Parties, and support of civil rights for all Americans. The RODNEY column criticized SOKOLSKY for concluding that this statement of the STERNS made it clear that they had adopted the Soviet line all the way through. The RODNEY article states in part: U

"Now the Soviet Union, by its own unprecedented admission, is far, very far from perfect. Yet what a compliment to its basic policies is implied in the Sokolsky column! All the good, honest, non-seeking, public minded activities in behalf of human betterment are 'the Soviet line.'" U

On July 24, 1957, JACK SOBLE, convicted former Soviet espionage agent, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] that ALFRED and MARTHA STERN were Soviet agents. U

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In the "Daily Worker" on January 8, 1958, page 4, column 5, the column "The Scoreboard" by LESTER RODNEY dealt with the death of HOWARD RUSHMORE, who at one time had worked for the "Daily Worker." The column outlined RUSHMORE's switch to writing for the Hearst newspapers against the Communist Party, and contained the following which stated in part: U

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"....The Rushmores decide to move over for cash, to what appears to be the respectable side of anti-Communism.... They are moving to the side of the easily accepted, the powerful, the commentators, the 'official' side. Yet it doesn't work. It is, for all its moneyed hugeness, a facade. The rats who patter to it are the opposite of 'respectable' because somewhere in them they forever know the extent of the billion dollar lie, they know the towering moral superiority of people who have the dignity of being for good things, for sanity, brotherhood, a better social order than dog-eat-dog-for-profit." ((

In "The Worker" of January 12, 1958, page 11, column 1, under the by-line of LESTER RODNEY, it was stated that the "Daily Worker" would close shop with Monday's issue. The writer stated in his column, "In spite of some pretty hot differences of opinion on why the Daily Worker had to die, and to be candid as I like to think I've always been, I feel strongly it was the continuing stranglehold of sectarianism and the unwillingness of some to make the big turn indicated by life and recognized by the C.P. Convention, there is no hesitancy or insincerity in wishing to all Worker readers and to the paper itself success in furthering the things we held in common—peace and democracy, which the overwhelming majority of our countrymen also want, and socialism, which the majority does not want or understand, but which they will. Democratic American socialism based on our country's better traditions will be 'the most.'" ((

In his final column, part of which has been already set out, appearing in the "Daily Worker", 1/13/58, page 7, column 5, subject stated in part: ((

"....And so this is the final column. I think everyone knows by now how I stand on the issues which have been fought out in the Communist Party. I believe we urgently had to make crystal clear that we truly stood for socialism with political democracy, based on our country's best traditions, and that this and other important decisions of the party convention have been shunted aside. Yet let me say I have only pity for a writer leaving the party and saying he is 'coming out of a nightmare.' Good Lord, the nightmare is the H-bomb. The nightmare is the John Foster Dulles policy which says 'no' to the whole world's cry to end it. The nightmare is surely in the long run an immoral economic system which seems to need ((

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"war or war production to function without breakdown. The nightmare is jim crow, the inhuman crime which still shames our land. Isn't the only real question how you actually help rally the most Americans in the U.S.A. of 1958 to fight these nightmares?" ((

2. Other Articles Written Over the By-Line of LESTER RODNEY in the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker"

In addition to the column, "The Scoreboard," a column primarily devoted to sports which appeared with some regularity, the following additional articles under the by-line of LESTER RODNEY appeared in the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker" on the dates indicated: ((

"The Worker"

July 28, 1957

- "Baseball in Milwaukee and a Ford Belt-Line"

"The Worker"

September 1, 1957

- "Tribal Culture on Display at Annual Southwest Indian Fete"

"The Worker"

September 8, 1957

- "Drums Throbbled in the Night At the Indian Rodeo in Gallup"

"Daily Worker"

September 13, 1957

- "What Liberal, Labor Groups Are Doing on Little Rock"

~~"The Worker"~~ "The Worker"

September 15, 1957

- "I Looked Into 11 Classrooms In Junior High School 88"

"The Worker"

September 29, 1957

- "Notes From a Cross Country Trip"

"The Worker"

October 13, 1957

- "The 'Moon' Loosens All Tangles"

The above article, which appeared on page 12, column 1, described ~~all~~ ^{reactions} persons interviewed regarding the Russian satellite which had recently been put into orbit. The article related that the writer in response to one individual's reaction, stated that if the Russians want war, why would they wait for us to catch up with them, and "Isn't it obvious that war isn't their aim, and therefore shouldn't we think" //

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"about mutual agreement on disarmament in this day and age, instead of only 'let's get back ahead of them!'" U

"The Worker"

October 13, 1957 - "Fabulous Milwaukee, the City Behind the Baseball Fever"

This article, appearing on page 6, column 2, under the by-line of LESTER RODNEY, discussed various aspects of the City of Milwaukee with particular emphasis on the Socialist tradition in the city government. U

In connection with this article, it should be noted that T-13 furnished information reflecting that in October, 1957, RODNEY directed a letter to SIG EISENSCHER at Milwaukee, in which he advised how he happened to write the article and apologized for omissions and errors. The writer stated in part that in writing of the status of labor in that city, that he felt odd about omitting mention of the Party and added, "I suppose it is always okay and mostly true of any industrial area to at least say that the Communists were part of the blood and guts of the industrial unionism breakthrough and I should have said it." (U) X

(U) T-14 advised on April 16, 1957, that SIGMUND GUSTAVE EISENSCHER was elected in April 1957 as Chairman of the CP of Milwaukee County. X

"The Worker"

October 20, 1957 - "Fired Aircraft Workers Say: 'Find Us Jobs'"

"The Worker"

December 1, 1957 - "Boston Hears Sharp Debate on CP, Cheers Peace Most"

"The Worker"

December 15, 1957 - "Xmas Present in a Bronx RR Yard"

"The Worker"

November 3, 1957, page 6, column 3. - This contained a short article by-lined LESTER RODNEY, which criticized FULTON LEWIS, Jr., a newspaper columnist, for what RODNEY described as an attack by LEWIS on ELEANOR ROOSEVELT for favorable statements concerning the Soviet Union allegedly made by Mrs. ROOSEVELT. U

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3. Separation from the "Daily Worker"

(U) T-2 advised on December 12, 1957, that the "Daily Worker" would be abolished in the near future and that LESTER RODNEY and other individuals on the "Daily Worker" staff would petition the American Newspaper Guild to sue for severance pay if dissolution and dismissal occurred. ~~X~~

(U) T-15 on January 19, 1958, advised that he had heard that LESTER RODNEY was one of four "Daily Worker" employees who had submitted a joint letter of resignation to the "Daily Worker" during the first week of December, 1957, however, the "Daily Worker" had refused to publish the letter and had not accepted the resignation. ~~X~~

(U) On January 3, 1958, T-16 advised that LESTER RODNEY was among "Daily Worker" people at a meeting of the Committee to Save the "Daily Worker" held December 26, 1957, at the offices of the "Daily Worker." ~~X~~

In the "Daily Worker" of December 30, 1957, a letter appeared in the column "Speak Your Piece," on page 4, column 3, which was printed over the name LESTER RODNEY and five other employees of the "Daily Worker", and which was headed, "Disagree with Statement on Gates." This letter commented on a statement which had been made by GATES in response to a query by "The New York Times" and which appeared in "The New York Times" story on December 26, 1957, concerning the rumored suspension of the "Daily Worker." GATES was criticized for his statement by the National Administrative Committee of the CP and the "Daily Worker" letter in turn criticized the National Administrative Committee, stating in part, "...But the Administrative Committee's characterization of his comment as a violation of the most elementary organizational principles common to all working class organizations' in our opinion is groundless, uncalled for, and too reminiscent of previous harmful practices which the Communist Movement has criticized itself, and is trying to shed." ~~X~~

(U) T-2 advised on January 27, 1957, that he had learned that LESTER RODNEY was one of a small group of "Daily Worker" employees who were JOHN GATES followers, and who were refusing to leave the paper until they received their severance pay. ~~X~~

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(U) T-3 on January 17, 1958, advised that on the afternoon of that day, the editorial staff of the "Daily Worker" was up in arms and fist fights almost broke out when their demand for severance pay was refused. T-3 advised that RODNEY, whom he described as one of the leaders in the fight for severance pay, had stated that he might go to California in the spring and start a new life. ~~X~~

(U) T-4 in June, 1958, made available information reflecting that on or about May 17, 1958, RODNEY had directed a communication to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as General Manager of "The Worker", advising him that he and his family were planning to go to California in the near future and that in order to make the trip it was necessary that he receive the severance pay and back pay for his employment on the "Daily Worker." He stated that while he was entitled under their agreement to \$1,230, he had only received \$350. He also stated that there appeared to be no evidence of will to meet this agreement and visits and phone calls had not succeeded in obtaining the money for him. He declared that if the money was not received by the following Friday, he would find it necessary to place the matter in the hands of the Newspaper Guild, in which case he would seek to recover a greater sum as called for by the "Daily Worker" contract with the Newspaper Guild. He expressed his regrets that in spite of his patient waiting, his continued cooperation with the paper, and his many attempts to obtain satisfaction amicably from the Party, he had not succeeded in averting what he referred to as a "tragedy." ~~X~~

(U) T-17 advised on March 30, 1958, that at a State Executive Board meeting of the CP of Minnesota held on February 27, 1958, CLARENCE SHARP, a member of the Minnesota State CP Executive Board, reported that LESTER RODNEY, along with certain other "Daily Worker" employees, demanded severance pay and threatened to go to the union, which caused "The Worker" to be placed in serious financial difficulties. SHARP described this as nothing more than blackmail. ~~X~~

(U) T-15 advised on May 26, 1958, that he had recently seen the subject, who complained that the "Daily Worker" was behind in its payments of severance pay to him. According to T-15, RODNEY intended to consult the Newspaper Guild in an effort to compel the "Daily Worker" to resume his payments to him as he planned to leave for California to establish residence there. ~~X~~

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(U) T-18 on May 25, 1958, advised that at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee, held in New York City on May 23, 24, 1958, the group was addressed concerning the fund drive for "The Worker" by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. DAVIS commented unfavorably concerning the threat of subject and others to go to the Newspaper Guild if the paper does not pay severance pay and back wages. ~~X~~

(U) T-19 also furnished information concerning the above-mentioned New York State CP Committee meeting on May 23, 24, 1958, and reported that DAVIS had called the action of RODNEY in threatening to go to the Newspaper Guild over his severance pay "contemptible." ~~X~~

The "Daily Worker" on May 6, 1957, reported BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., was elected to the CP National Committee at a National Committee meeting on April 27, 28, 1957. U

(U) T-20 furnished information on May 27, 1958, that WILLIAM PATTERSON had advised subject on that date he had something for him at "The Worker" and would have the rest on Thursday morning. ~~X~~

D. Miscellaneous Activity

1. Association with JOHN GATES

T-21 on January 30, 1958, furnished information reflecting that JOHN GATES had asked LESTER RODNEY to help him in preparing material concerning the publication of the "Daily Worker" for an article to appear in "Life Magazine." C

(U) T-21 advised on February 11, 1958, that the subject had an appointment to meet with JOHN GATES on the following evening. ~~X~~

(U) T-21 on March 16, 1958, furnished information that LESTER RODNEY and JOHN GATES had a discussion on that date about the "Daily Worker" and about the recent article which had been written by GATES. ~~X~~

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2. Dinner for RODNEY

(U) On June 11, 1958, T-10 advised that according to ISIDORE WOFSY, CP, USA Reserve Fund functionary, LESTER RODNEY would leave soon for the West Coast where he intended to make his home. He advised that the former staff of the "Daily Worker" planned to give a dinner for RODNEY before his departure. ~~X~~

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants, who are generally cognizant of some ~~aspects~~ of CP activity in the New York City area, advised on various dates in July, 1958, that they had no additional information to furnish concerning the subject. *ll*

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"JEWISH CURRENTS"

"Jewish Life" for October, 1957, announced that with the issue to be published in January, 1958, the magazine was changing its name to "Jewish Currents." U

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, contains the following concerning "Jewish Life": U

"JEWISH LIFE

"1. Cited as a Communist front which 'first appeared in November 1946, as a monthly published by the Morning Freiheit Association, publishers of the Yiddish Communist daily, Morning Freiheit.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 93.)" U

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MAY DAY PARADE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, contains the following concerning the May Day Parade.

"MAY DAY PARADE

- "1. 'The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 179.)"

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

August 5, 1958

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Re: Lester Rodstein, with alias:
Lester Rodney
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. Informants utilized therein are characterized as follows: U

(U) T-1, T-6, T-9, T-13 and T-15, were in a position to furnish reliable information. ~~C~~

(U) T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-7, T-8, T-10, T-11, T-12, T-14, T-16, T-17, T-18, T-19, T-20 and T-21 have furnished reliable information in the past. ~~C~~

Informants who were contacted in July, 1958 and who were unable to furnish additional information have all furnished reliable information in the past. U

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Office Memorandum • UNITED

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 8/5/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa:
Lester Rodney
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Enclosed herewith are the original and 3 copies each of report of SA [] at New York, and letterhead memo, both of which are dated and captioned as above. One copy of each is enclosed for LA Office.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [] 8/20/58, New York.
New York letter to Los Angeles dated 7/22/58.

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The pretext call to subject on 2/2/58 reflecting that subject had left the "Daily Worker" was made by SA [] under the pretext of being a faithful reader.

The attached report reflects that the last articles written by RODNEY for the "Daily Worker" were appearing in "The Worker" under the byline J.C. HOUSE. This name is not being added as an alias, as it apparently was only a nom de plume selected by "The Worker" rather than by the subject.

On 1/2/58 [] advised SA [] that during a discussion at CP Headquarters in Chicago on 1/2/58 between MORRIS CHILDS, FRED FINE and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, FINE stated that he thought subject, among others, should remain on the editorial staff of "The Worker," after the "Daily Worker" was suspended. The informant stated that in his opinion this was not FINE's personal thought only but that FINE had probably discussed this with other right wing leaders of the CP.

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On 5/22/58 [] furnished information that on that date BILL ALBERTSON spoke with [] advising him that "some of this dough - the loan we were supposed to underwrite" went to LESTER. ALBERTSON stated that if he had known any of the money would have gone to "him", he would not have agreed to it. ALBERTSON went on to say he would have

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refused to give "him" a penny and let him go to the union.
[] and ALBERTSON agreed that in the future that they would
insist that they have a say in what is done with any money
that they raise for the paper. It is believed that this
conversation related to the payment of money as severance
(U) pay to RODNEY. ~~C~~

A copy of this report is being furnished to the
Los Angeles Office inasmuch as subject is now reportedly
residing there. U

This case is being placed in a pending inactive
status in the NYO pending the verification of subject's
present residence at Los Angeles. U

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
T-1 []	Change of address		SA [] []	Instant report
(U) T-2 []	Employment on DW Editorial Staff .			[]
	Articles under By-line of J.C. HOUSE			100-13292-646
	To sue for severance pay			100-13292-621
	Subject a GATES follower			100-13292-631

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
T-3	Free-lance writing			100-13292-653
[REDACTED]	Leader in fight for severance pay			100-13292-657
T-4	Subject unemployed			100-4931-1A717
[REDACTED]	Subject seeking severance pay			100-4931-1A717
T-5	Subject extreme Right Winger			100-13292-592
[REDACTED]	Disgusted with Paper and Party			100-13292-633
T-6	Subject to leave Party			
[REDACTED]				
T-7	Used to document GEORGE MORRIS			
[REDACTED]				
T-8	GATES to take subject along			100-13292-629
[REDACTED]	Used to document JOHN GATES			
T-9	No longer on Paper but in Party			
[REDACTED]				
T-10	Used to document WILLIAM WEINSTONE			
[REDACTED]	Dinner in honor of RODNEY			
T-11	Christmas card to GILBERT GREEN			
[REDACTED]				
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T-12 [redacted]	May Day Parade, 1949			[redacted] 100-47142- 1B97-Photo 40
T-13 Anonymous Source of Milwaukee Office		10/23/57		
T-14 [redacted]	Used to document SIGMUND EISENSCHER			
T-15 [redacted] (By Request)	Joint letter of resignation			100-13292-640
	Subject to consult Newspaper Guild	b2 b6 b7C b7D		100-13292-684
T-16 [redacted]	Meeting to save DW			100-13292-628
(U) T-17 [redacted]	CLARENCE SHARP described RODNEY's actions as blackmail			[redacted]
T-18 [redacted]	BEN DAVIS commented unfavorably on RODNEY			[redacted]
T-19 [redacted]				
T-20 [redacted]				
T-21 [redacted]	1/30/58 2/11/58 3/16/58			

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The following informants were contacted on the dates indicated in July, 1958, but were unable to furnish additional pertinent information:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
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NEW YORK

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At New York, New York

Will execute FD 128 upon receipt of information that Los Angeles has verified subject's residence, as requested in New York letter to Los Angeles dated 6/23/58.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____

7. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) the report disclosed that the FBI has confidential informants and sources furnishing information on individuals and areas of activity within the CP. Disclosure of this fact or of any of these informants would tend to hamper FBI investigation in this field and would thereby be harmful to national security. U

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) when interviewed on 11/9/53 subject was uncooperative. In a column in the "Daily Worker" of 1/8/58, page 4, column 5, under the by-line of LESTER RODNEY, he referred in a disparaging manner to an alleged effort to interview subject several years before, describing it as a "revolting routine." U

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9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject in attendance at New York County, State, National and Industrial CP Conventions in 1957.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/28/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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LESTER RODNEY
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 Bufile 100-46858
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 LA file 100-56744

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Re Albany letter 8/20/58 captioned [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SM - C, "OO: Albany; [REDACTED] SM - C." U

Enclosed herewith for the New York Office are two copies of referenced Albany letter wherein information is set forth that [REDACTED] drifted away from Communist Party meetings in late 1954; however, held onto his "Daily Worker" job until 1955 or 1956. Relet further states that [REDACTED] reportedly moved to Los Angeles sometime subsequent to 1956. U

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no information concerning the activities of [REDACTED] in the Los Angeles area. The New York Office is requested to review its indices and furnish Los Angeles with background data so that [REDACTED] can be identified and located. U

For the information of the New York Office, Los Angeles indices contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] U

Concerning LESTER RODNEY mentioned in relet, the Los Angeles Office on 8/20/58 verified his residence in this area, which verification was furnished to New York by previous communication dated 8/21/58. U

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

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FROM : SAC New York (100-13292)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa Lester Rodney
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Los Angeles Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Los Angeles Division is being considered the new office of origin.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP(S)
DATE 3-21-79

Residence address ✓ 4226 West 161st St. Lawndale, California	CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 2333 9/1/79 65/4pr REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 3/6/89
Business address Unknown	
Check the following applicable statements: <input type="checkbox"/> This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The <u>Los Angeles</u> Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.) <input type="checkbox"/> This subject is tabbed for Detcom. <input type="checkbox"/> This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary. <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.	
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security Index Cards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph <input type="checkbox"/> None available. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished.	

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Enclosure(s)

Serials enclosed

1 copy each of following NY reports

(Encs 17)

Rpt of C.C. NELSON, 10/15/41

Rpt of [redacted] 4/3/50

" of [redacted] 1/13/56

" of [redacted] 8/7/56

" of [redacted] 8/20/57

" of [redacted] 8/5/58

Cover letter and letterhead Memo
for reports of 8/20/57 and 8/5/58.

Enclosures for LA

10 serials

3 SI cards

3 photos

1 negative photo

17 total encs

Since NY file reflects no reportable information received
since rpt. of 8/5/58, no additional report being prepared by NYO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 10/6/58

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.,
Lester Rodney
SM-C(U) Re FD 128 from New York to Director, dated 9/2/58,
changing origin of captioned case to Los Angeles.RODNEY now resides 4226 West 161st Street, Lawndale,
California and is self-employed as a writer from this residence.(U) This case has been re-evaluated in the light of
the current security criteria and in view of his attendance
at New York county, state, national and industrial Communist
Party conventions in 1957, it is recommended that he be
retained on the Security Index.Los Angeles is in receipt of a current report on
the subject and this case will be placed in a closed status
until August, 1959, when an annual report will be due.2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Investigative Period 7/24/59 7/14 - 21/59
TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, aka Lester Rodney		Report made by LESTER H. EICHERLY CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
		Typed By: cey

~~XXXXXX~~ REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/5/58 at New York.
New York FD-128 to Bureau dated 9/2/58.
Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 11/18/58.

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The subject has been personally observed and an FD-165 has been placed. *u*

His [redacted] Bufile 100-205832, Los Angeles file 100-56745, is on the Los Angeles security index. *u*

SA LESTER H. EICHERLY, on 7/14/59, telephoned as an unidentified person to RODSTEIN's residence and contacted his wife for verification of his residential address. The same type of telephone call was made to an unknown woman at his place of employment on 7/14/59. *u*

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF [redacted]
DATE **3-21-79** *cey*

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INFORMANTS

Source

LA T-1, [redacted]

(concealed at request)

LA T-2, Photographic surveillance
by SA WILLIAM J. BARRON, New York
City, 6/12/58

LA T-3, [redacted]

LA T-4, [redacted]

(concealed at request)

Location

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AL 100-13525

NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

Source

Date

Agent

7/15/59

LESTER H. EICHERLY (Oral)

7/21/59

H. RAWLINS OVERTON (Oral)

7/14/59

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4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because (state reason) data reported by LA T-2 and LA T-3 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof.

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) the referenced report of SA [] states that when the subject was interviewed on 11/9/53, he was uncooperative. In a column in the "Daily Worker" of 1/8/58, page 4, column 5, under by-line of LESTER RODNEY, he referred in a disparaging manner to an alleged effort to interview subject several years before, describing it as a "revolting routine." There is no indication he would be cooperative at this time. ^U

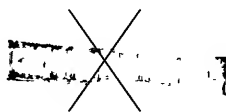
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9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he was in attendance at the New York County, State, National, and Industrial CP conventions in 1957. He was identified as leaving the CP headquarters in New York City on 6/12/58.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA LESTER H. EICHERLY
Date: 7/24/59

Office: LOS ANGELES

File Number: Los Angeles 100-56744
Bufile 100-46858
Title: LESTER RODSTEIN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: RODSTEIN was at the Communist Party (CP) headquarters in New York City on 6/12/58. He had the "GATES viewpoint" that the CP would never be effective until it had a clean and public break with the Soviet Union and he drifted away from the Communist movement. He stated in 1959 he was still in sympathy with the overall philosophy and aims of the CP. He applied in Los Angeles on 2/6/59 for a press card under the name LESTER RODNEY. ~~X~~

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DETAILSBACKGROUNDRESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

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LA T-1 (6/2/59) ~~X~~

RODSTEIN stated on June 1, 1959, he had moved from 4226 West 161st Street, Lawndale, California, to 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California.

A Special Agent of the FBI ascertained on July 14, 1959, by a pretext interview, that LESTER RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. U

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 2833 3/1/79 GJ/m
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The records of the Public Information Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, were reviewed on March 27, 1959, by SA JOHN D. WALLACE. The records indicate that he applied for a press card on February 6, 1959 as LESTER RODNEY, Lawndale, California. His employer was listed as the "Evening Outlook" newspaper, 1540 Third Street, Santa Monica, California. U

A Special Agent of the FBI ascertained on July 14, 1959, by a pretext interview, that LESTER RODNEY is employed by the "Evening Outlook." U

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

RODSTEIN's FBI Identification Record, under FBI number 584354B, dated February 18, 1959, is as follows: U

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Army	LESTER RODNEY #32 355 453	6/17/42 Ft. Jay, NY		
PD Los Angeles Calif (prt ret)	LESTER RODNEY #-- Residence: 4226 W. 161 St., Lawndale	applicant for press card FD 2/6/59		

CONNECTIONS WITH THE
COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

LA T-2 (6/12/58)

LA T-3 (11/18/58) X

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LA T-2, on June 12, 1958, observed an individual leaving the CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, New York. X

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LA T-3 identified a photograph of this person as that of LESTER RODNEY. X

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LA T-4 (7/31/58)

RODSTEIN had the opinion of the "GATES viewpoint" that the CP would never be effective until it had a clean and public break with the Soviet Union and RODNEY drifted away from the Communist movement. X

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LA T-1 (6/17/59) X

LESTER RODNEY, on June 3, 1959, stated he was still in sympathy with the overall philosophy and aims of the CP and that the reason he left the CP was because of his disappointment with the manner in which KHRUSHCHEV, the hierarchy, and the CP Politbureau handled the Hungarian crisis and the revolution there. X

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Logical informants generally familiar with the activities of the CP in the area where RODSTEIN resides were contacted in July, 1959, and they advised they had no information regarding current activity or interest by RODSTEIN in the CP. 66



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LESTER RODSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

(U) Informants utilized in the report of SA LESTER H. EICHERLY dated as above at Los Angeles have furnished reliable information in the past, with the exception of LA T-1 and LA T-4, with whom contact has been insufficient to judge the reliability of their information. ~~C~~

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TO : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: June 25, 1959

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing *TDR*

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN

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The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index. ~~Q~~

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The memorandum reflecting departmental approval dated June 11, 1959, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 2486. *U*

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TDR/pmt

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

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DATE: 3/31/59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - CDECLASSIFIED BY 60324 uc baw sab/ml
ON 05-26-2010

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP(S) OF
DATE 3-31-79

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Reporter, "Evening Outlook",

1540 3rd Street, Santa Monica, California

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____

RESPONSIBILITY 6 1959

INTERESTED AGENCIES

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 10/6/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - CCONF. LTD
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10-22-58 am

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF
DATE 3-21-79

(U) NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Self employed writer from residence

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY / RECORD _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 2333 3/1/89 6/1/89

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 7/8/60	Investigative Period 6/3 - 29/60
TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By: LAL
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA LESTER H. EICHERLY at Los Angeles dated 7/24/59. *u*

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF
DATE *5/21/79*

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Subject has been personally observed and an FD-165 has been placed. *u*

(U) Subject's was canceled from the Security Index. Los Angeles 100-56745. *u*

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Subject's employment was verified through a pretext credit telephone call to his employer by SA on June 25, 1960. *u*

Subject's residence was verified on June 27, 1960, through a personal unidentified pretext interview with subject's at residence in an attempt to locate the former owner of the property, *u*

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FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
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LA 100-56744

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source

Location

LA T-1,

[REDACTED]

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NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

6/21/60 to SA

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 7. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because (state reason) the data reported from LA T-1 could reasonably result in disclosure of confidential source of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he was uncooperative during attempted interview on November 9, 1953. In the January 8, 1958 issue of the "Daily Worker," page 4, column 5, subject referred in a disparaging manner to an attempted interview several years earlier. As pointed out in rerep, subject stated in 1959 he was still in sympathy with the overall philosophy and aim of the CP. *ser 30*

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended the New York County, State, National, and Industrial CP conventions in 1957 and in view of his statement in 1959 that he was still in sympathy with the overall philosophy and aims of the CP.

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11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Report of:

Date:

July 8, 1960

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Office: LOS ANGELES

Field Office File No.: LA 100-56744

Bureau File No.: 100-46858

Title: LESTER RODSTEIN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. An informant learned in July of 1959 that RODSTEIN was no longer in the Communist Party (CP). Other logical Security Informants contacted in June of 1960 advised that RODSTEIN was not known to them to be a CP member. ~~(U)~~

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP

DATE 3-21-79 BY [signature]

DETAILS:PERSONAL HISTORYResidence

Through an appropriate pretext interview by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 27, 1960, it was determined that RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. u

Employment

Through an appropriate pretext interview on June 25, 1960, it was determined that RODSTEIN is employed as a salesman by the Stiller-Hunt Advertising Agency, 9033 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. u

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REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 2/8/80

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LA 100-56744

ACTIVITIES

Communist Party (CP)

LA T-1 (7/28/59)

(U) Informant learned in July of 1959 that RODSTEIN is no longer in the CP.

Logical Security Informants familiar with some CP members and activities in the Southern area of Los Angeles County, within which area RODSTEIN resides, advised in June of 1960 that he is not known to them to be a CP member. U

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Los Angeles, California

July 8, 1960

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Title LESTER RODSTEIN

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA []

[] dated as above at Los Angeles.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 1-22-60

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Salesman, Stiller-Hunt Advertising Agency, 9033 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address		

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TO : Director, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 7-29-59

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

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8/10/59 am

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 2383 9/6/79 654m REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 7/29/79		
Key Facility Data		
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Residence Address		
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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 7/11/61	Investigative Period 6/15 - 6/30/61
TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, aka		Report made by WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN	Typed By: dla
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

Synopsis
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] 7/8/60, at
Los Angeles.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP
DATE **3-21-79**

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Subject has been personally observed and an
FD 165 has been placed.

(U) Subject's [redacted] was cancelled
from the Security Index, Los Angeles 100-56745.

NEGATIVE INFORMANTS:

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SA [Redacted] oral

SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN, oral

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Source

LA T-1

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Location

SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN, oral
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LA T-2

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 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.

8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
he was uncooperative when previously interviewed by Bureau Agents on 11/9/53. RODNEY writing in the Daily Worker, 1/8/58, Page 4, Column 5, referred in a disparaging manner to an alleged effort to interview the subject several years before, describing it as a "revolting routine." There is no indication he would be cooperative at this time. u

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he was in attendance at the New York County, State, National and Industrial CP conventions in 1957. He was identified as leaving the CP headquarters in New York City on 6/12/58.

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11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
 - ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN
Date: 7/11/61

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File No.: 100-56744

Bureau File No.: 100-468581

Title: LESTER RODSTEIN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

(U)

RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, Calif. Informants familiar with activities in the Southern California District, Communist Party (SCDCP) in the Los Angeles-Torrance area of California were contacted concerning RODSTEIN with negative results.

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DETAILS:PERSONAL HISTORYRESIDENCE

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LA T-1 (6/30/61)

This informant advised that RODSTEIN as of June 30, 1961, resided at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California.

EMPLOYMENT

(U)

LA T-2 (6/30/61)

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REASON FOR EXTENSION

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(U) This informant advised that RODSTEIN as of June 30, 1961, was employed as a salesman by the Stiller-Hunt Advertising Agency, 9033 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. ~~2~~

ACTIVITIES

Informants familiar with activities in the Los Angeles-Torrance area of California were contacted regarding RODSTEIN. They advised that no information was known at this time concerning RODSTEIN's interest in the Southern California District, Communist Party. 4

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Los Angeles, California
July 11, 1961

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Title LESTER RODSTEIN

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN
dated as above at Los Angeles.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN CONFIDENTIAL LOS ANGELES	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/10/62 6/15 - 7/6/62
TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
		TYPED BY cem
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

REFERENCE:Report of SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN, 7/11/61, Los Angeles. *u*

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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SLIP(S) OF
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INFORMANTS:

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS:

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Constitutional Liberties Information Center
(CLIC)

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason) the data reported by LA T-1 could reasonably result in disclosure of a confidential source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness.

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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) because he was identified in attendance at New York State CP and National CP Convention in 1957, and identified leaving New York City CP headquarters June 1958. When writing in Daily Worker in January 1958 he referred to earlier interview by agents in unfavorable manner, and it was reported 9/61 subject would write articles in connection CLIC Rally. CLIC described as a CP defense committee to combat ISA-1950. (See COVER PAGE D)
 9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended New York State CP and National CP Convention in 1957, identified leaving New York City CP headquarters June 1958 and reported 9/61 as writing articles in connection with CLIC Rally.
 11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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8. (Continued) Foregoing would indicate strong sympathy for Communist cause, suggest unfavorable attitude to another interview which might expose the Bureau to unjustified criticism and embarrassment. U

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Copy to:

Report of:

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7/10/62

Office: Los Angeles, California

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Bureau File No.:

100-46858

Title:

LESTER RODSTEIN,

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

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RODSTEIN resides at Torrance, California. Reported 9/61 RODSTEIN, a writer, would author articles on civil rights in connection with Constitutional Liberties Information Center Rally to be held 10/61. Logical informants contacted June, July 1962 advised RODSTEIN not known to be a Communist Party member.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF
DATE 3/21/79

DETAILS:RESIDENCE

[Redacted]
Torrance, California

This individual advised June 28, 1962, that RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. u

EMPLOYMENT

Through an appropriate pretext interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on July 5, 1962, it was learned u

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that RODSTEIN is a salesman for Stiller-Hunt Advertising Agency, 9033 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. U

ACTIVITIES

Logical informants contacted in June and July, 1962, advised RODSTEIN is not known to be a Communist Party member. U

These informants are familiar with Communist Party members and activities in the South West area of Los Angeles County, which includes Torrance, California. U

OTHER ACTIVITIES INDICATING A FURTHERANCE OF THE CP PROGRAM

Constitutional Liberties Information Center (CLIC)
(See Appendix) U

LA T-1 (10/9/61)

(U) Informant advised that in September, 1961, he had learned that RODSTEIN, a writer, would author some articles on civil rights in connection with a Constitutional Liberties Information Center (CLIC) Rally to be held in October, 1961. According to informant, these articles were to be written and sent to community and metropolitan newspapers, as well as to five college and university newspapers as a means to force the former newspapers mentioned to carry ads concerning the CLIC Rally October, 1961. X

This source was recontacted on July 6, 1962, and advised he had no further information concerning any articles written by RODSTEIN. However, metropolitan and community newspapers, source advised, carried the ad concerning the CLIC Rally.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~APPENDIXCONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES INFORMATION CENTER (CLIC)

A source advised on August 25, 1961 that Constitutional Liberties Information Center (CLIC) was formed in July, 1961, in Los Angeles, California, as a Communist Party (CP) defense committee to combat the U. S. Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, upholding the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the membership provisions of the Smith Act. Formation of a committee was announced at a CP meeting of the District Committee, Southern California District CP (SCDCP) on July 8, 1961 by DOROTHY HEALEY, Chairman, SCDCP. Officers of CLIC include REUBEN W. BOROUGH, Chairman, and HUGH DE LACY, Vice Chairman. CLIC activity currently devoted to furnishing speakers to interested groups, arranged and sponsored so far only by CP units, and to distribution of literature including reprints of the dissenting opinions of U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice EARL WARREN and Justice HUGO L. BLACK. ~~C~~

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Another source advised on August 8, 1961 that REUBEN W. BOROUGH and HUGH DE LACY are current members of the Professional-Cultural Section, SCDCP. u

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Los Angeles, California
July 10, 1962In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title LESTER RODSTEIN

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Reference Report of SA WILLIAM P. SHEEHAN
dated as above at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 100-46858

Date: March 1, 1963

Subject: Lester Rodstein

Date Searched: 12/7/62

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched
and identical references were found as:

SUMMARY

✓ Lester Rodstein
✓ J.C. House (Pen name)
✓ L. Rodney
✓ Les Rodney

3 ✓ Lester Rodney
✓ Lester C. Rodney
✓ Les Rodstein

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the
names and aliases listed above. All references under the above
names containing data identical with the subject have been included
except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been
reviewed, or those determined to contain the same information as
the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the
information set out in each reference. In many cases the original
serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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Coordinator

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information
appearing in this reference
which pertains to Lester
Rodstein may be found in
the main file or elsewhere in
this summary.

FOPC.....Freedom of the Press Committee

LYL.....Labor Youth League

RELATIVES WHO HAVE BUREAU MAIN FILES

The relationship, biographical data and CP activities of
Lester Rodstein were set forth in the serials of the main files on
his relatives as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
[REDACTED]	b6 b7C	100-205832-31 p.1,6	(15)✓
		32	(15)✓
		37 p.2	(16)✓
		40	(16)✓
		44	(16)✓
		49	(16)✓
[REDACTED]		100-359957-34	(21)✓

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Bernard K. Johnpoll ~~made~~ a voluntary statement on 3/3/52 at Boston, Mass. He stated that during 1937 he joined the Young Communist League. Johnpoll stated he was not working at the time and was therefore asked if he would like to devote his efforts as a writer to helping build up the "DW" sports page. He added that in the Fall of 1937 he joined the staff of the "DW" in NYC under Lester Rodney. Johnpoll stated he became disgusted with the CP in particular so some thirty days later he resigned from both the "DW" and the Young Communist League. U

(Statement enclosed)
100-9943-137
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The Chief of Police Harry Walsh, Jersey City, N.J. advised that Rand Stevens and Ruth Carol Freeman (61-10060) were arrested 7/1/40 for being disorderly. A search of their automobile by the PD disclosed a large amount of communist propaganda and statistical information. Among this material were Photostats of application cards for membership in the CP which included cards for Catherine Whitney and Charles Whitney, c/o Pezzulich, 618 Sixth St., Brooklyn, NY. The sponsor was Lester Rodney, Branch 1, Section 3, New York County. U

(Exhibits enclosed)
61-10060-3 p. 32,33
(3)✓

On 7/14/48 the State Department furnished documents of the Japanese Embassy up to the time of Pearl Harbor. Some of this material was written in Japanese and some in English with respect to Japanese investigation of communist activities in the United States. (U)

The name of Lester Rodney was found in this material (not further identified). (U)

*Declassified per State Dept
Letter 7-29-91
SPS BTL/MLW - 7/12/91*

(Photostats of documents enclosed)
65-31329-662 p. 273
(3)✓

G-2 furnished the Anti-Security Roster, Supplement #14 dated 8/1/42 which included the name of Lester Rodney, communist.

(List enclosed)
100-7660-632
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The "DW" dated 5/20/46 carried an interview with Milton Robertson Schwartzberg ([redacted]) by David Platt, writer for the "DW." Robertson, described as a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, in the article, was said to have been wounded during the last Ebro attack. Upon his return to the United States, Robertson became a lifeguard at Camp Lakeland while recuperating from his wounds and wrote a series of articles on "Swimming" for Lester Rodney, Sports Editor of the "DW." U

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*Evidently in Spain

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[redacted] (protect identity) advised that the Duncan Paris Post #1422 of the American Legion was granted a temporary charter on 1/7/46, however, it was found shortly afterward that the Post was controlled by communists or communist sympathizers and after various legal actions the charter was cancelled on 8/15/46. U

Lester Rodney, Sports Editor of the "DW," was a member of the Post. U

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100-353390-66 p.26
(20)✓
SI 100-412924-1
(27)✓

[redacted] reported that [redacted] married Lester Rodney, "DW" staff reporter, on 4/21/46. She met Rodney at a school at Camp Beacon, NY. Rodney was in the armed forces during the war and later became a member of the Thomas Paine Post of the American Legion in NYC. Rodney and his wife left early in July 1946 for a six week trip to California where she visited her parents. On 10/9/46 they attended the Essex County convention of the CP in Newark, N.J. X

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61-777-31-75 p.1,6
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On 10/15/46 [] advised that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (100-7061) (JAFRC) had endeavored to have Ray Robinson, the prize fighter appear during the tag day rally on Thursday, 10/17/46 in the fur district in NYC. ~~X~~

(U) According to this informant, [] a JAFRC employee, conferred with Lester Rodney of the "DW" and asked if he could suggest any person to appear at the rally. He suggested that [] call [] (phonetic) in []'s office. [] asked about [] however, Lester stated that he was unaware as to whether Barber was progressive. ~~X~~

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100-7061-1330 p. 31
(10)✓

The "DW" dated 10/29/46 contained an article captioned "Spanish Aid Rally Made Big Hit." This article was a letter to the editor, "DW", thanking Lester Rodney for the help he gave JAFRC (100-7061) during their recent tag day. This letter also stated that the rally was very successful from a financial standpoint. It was signed by Elaine Ross, Secretary, Tag Day, Spanish Refugee Appeal. u

100-7061-A "DW" 10/29/46
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(U) [] made available the contents of a telegram dated 12/7/46 which was sent by Lester Rodney from CP headquarters in NYC. This telegram was sent to [], NYC regarding an American Youth For Democracy affair at which Armstrong was to appear the following evening. ~~X~~

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61-777-804 p. 5
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"The Worker" dated 1/5/47 carried a letter captioned "Sports" "Indianan Brags about Negro Basketball Star." This letter dated 12/26/46 at Indianapolis, Indiana, was addressed to Lester Rodney, "The Worker," and signed by Joseph L. Bridges (100-348738). The writer gave a resumé of the basketball career of John Wilson, a Negro basketball star. u

100-348738-1 p. 5
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An unknown outside source furnished a Photostat of a memorandum dated 5/6/47 at NYC which contained a list of officers in the "DW" Chapter of the American Newspaper Guild. U

This memo listed Lester Rodney as an alternate delegate to the "Rep. Assembly." U

100-7326-294
(10)✓

The "Morning Freiheit" (100-46808) dated 5/22/47 contained an article by L. Rodney. This article was full of praise for the convention of 400 communist veterans which was just held in Washington, D.C. U

100-46808-239 p. 157
(30)✓

(U) NYC. ~~C~~ [] submitted on 7/1/47 a two page list of telephone extensions for employees and officers of the "DW" at 35 East 12th St.,

(U) This list revealed that the extension of Lester Rodney was 5. ~~C~~

Photostat of list enclosed
61-4478-403
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(U) On 11/17/47 [] furnished a post card addressed to Lester Rodney, "DW," 50 East 12th St., NYC 3, NY from [] NYC. This card was of a personal nature (contents of card set out). ~~C~~

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100-336549-33
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Former [] advised that [] (100-415898) attended a party at the home of Lester Rodney of the "DW" staff on 1/21/48, and that those attending the above party prepared a telegram which was sent to Councilman Walter R. Hart, New York City Councilman, on 1/22/48, urging Hart to immediately end shameful run around of S.W. Gerson, legal successor to the late Councilman Peter Cacchione. ~~C~~

(U) 100-415898-2 p. 8
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The "DW" dated 12/28/48 carried an article captioned "Some Information from Indiana." In this article was a letter from [redacted] (100-348738) written to Lester Rodney of the "DW." [redacted] in this letter, praised Bill Garrett, the only Negro basketball player in the Big Nine. U

100-348738-7 p. 2
(19) ✓

[redacted] advised that on 2/24/49 [redacted] (100-355513) wrote a letter to Lester Rodney, Sports Department of "DW", NYC. In this letter he expressed the desire that the background of George Hackenschmidt, one time German wrestler, as a German collaborationist, be ascertained. X

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100-355513-8
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The "DW" dated 8/11/49 carried an article captioned "Vets Urge Big Rally Friday For Winston at Foley Square." This article stated that on Friday at noon more than a thousand veterans and non-veterans would assembly at Foley Square to protest Judge Medina's refusal to grant a one-day recess to allow Henry Winston (100-1473) to recover from a heart attack. Among the veterans who would participate was Lester Rodney, Sgt., 52nd Combat Field Hospital, Solomon Islands, Phillipines. U

100-1473-A "DW" 8/11/49
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A Philadelphia report dated 10/27/49 set out biographical data on [redacted] (100-225985) as obtained from reliable confidential informants (not further identified) and personal observation. Listed as intimate associates were Lester and [redacted], NYC. U

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100-225985-25 p. 46
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The 1/23/50 issue of the "DW" (page 12, column 1) contained Lester Rodney's column and the 1/22/50 issue of "The Worker" (page 14, column 2), contained a column by [redacted] wherein he spoke of Rodney as "co-editor" (Sports Section) of the paper. u

Add. info.

100-225985-28 p.2
(16,32)✓

[redacted] advised that [redacted], NYC 14, (100-396442) wrote a letter dated 3/20/50 to Lester Rodney of the "DW" in which he stated he was making a contribution to the Fund Drive thru regular channels but was sending Rodney "an extra buck" as a token of admiration for the best sports writer in the land. (Letter set out) X

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(U) 100-396442-1 p.8,9
(26)✓

An article on page 12, columns 1,2 and 3 of the "Sunday Worker" dated 8/14/49 referred to a letter from Frank E. McKenney, Prexy of the Pittsburgh Pirates, to Lester Rodney and Bill Mardo, "DW", 35 East 12th St., NYC. In this letter McKenney stated that any ball player of outstanding qualifications who was a free agent and who had not reached the age of 21, regardless of age, creed or color, would be signed by the Pittsburgh organization. u

[redacted] advised on 3/24/50 that Robert E. Jones, Regional Director of Young Progressives of America (100-359192), Western Pennsylvania Region, had contacted Lester Rodney, Sports Editor, "DW", NYC during the early part of March, 1950, and requested information concerning young Negro players in the major leagues and "Pirate rookies" X

(U) 100-359192-172 p.19,20
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[redacted] advised that he had seen a copy of a typewritten letter dated 11/30/50 addressed to Lester Rodney and signed by [redacted], Chicago (100-361611). This letter pertained to [redacted] having won the "DW" football derby of 1950. X

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The "DW" dated 4/6/50 carried an article captioned "Why He Sends \$\$ This Way." This article set out a letter from [] dated 4/2/50 addressed to [] and Les Rodney of the "DW" staff, and stated he liked all the columns in the "DW" but he liked Rodney's and Mardo's column the best. u

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100-361611-16 p. 30
(21,30) ✓
SI to para. 2
100-361611-8 p. 3
(30) ✓
SI to para. 1
100-361611-12 p. 4
(21) ✓

[] in Jan. 1951 provided a list of names showing that Lester Rodney, born 1911, appeared on an International Workers Order general office membership list for Lodge #860, New York City. The entry was given as May 1949 and his certificate number as 411268. X

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(List enclosed)
61-7341-34-746 encl. p. 8
(2) ✓
SI 61-7341-34-433X encl. p. 521
(2) ✓ (date Nov. 1949)

[] advised that [], NYC, on 3/12/47, had greeted Lester Rodney of "DW" staff as a "comrade" during his conversation with Rodney on the attributes of weight lifting in body building. X

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On 8/19/49 and 10/5/49 [] advised that [] (100-402005) who was [] and [] of the Fur Workers Resort at White Lake, New York, which was financed by the Ben Gold Fur Workers Health and Welfare Fund, was closely associated with a "Lester" and "[]". Informant believed these individuals to be Lester Rodney and [], both of the "DW" sports staff. X

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[] advised on 3/20/51 that [] had been in contact with Rodney. X

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100-402005-1 p. 9,10
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(U) [] advised that [] Brooklyn, NY (100-401620) had addressed a communication to Lester Rodney, Sports Editor, "DW" NYC on 11/6/51 using an envelope bearing the firm name of Murray, Reiff and Tolleris, Inc., 224-232 West 30th St. NYC. ~~X~~

(U) [] advised that Towsky had written a letter dated 10/13/51 to Rodney and had enclosed an article which he thought would be of interest to the sports department. ~~X~~

100-401620-2 p.8
(26) ✓

(U) [] stated that [] (100-197056), who gave his address as [] Norfolk, Va; had corresponded with Lester Rodney, who was connected with the "DW" in NYC. ~~X~~

This information was set out in a Norfolk report dated 12/21/51 ~~U~~

100-197056-97
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On 1/7/52 [] U.S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., made available a group of Christmas greeting cards directed to Carl Winter (100-4861) at the above institution. ~~U~~

Among the cards was one from several individuals in NYC which included the name of Lester Rodney. ~~U~~

100-4861-390 p.6
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(U) [] advised that Lester Rodney would be the guest speaker at an LYL (100-362555) sponsored meeting concerning "American Sports and the 1952 Olympics" at 516 Clinton Ave., Newark, N.J. on 6/20/52. ~~X~~

100-362555-538 p.4
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The "Greek American Tribune" (100-14125) dated 7/25/52 contained an article captioned "Worker Sports Editor Denied Passport." This article stated that Lester Rodney, sports editor of the "DW," had been denied a passport to attend the Olympic games in Helsinki, Finland. (Excerpts set out) u

100-14125-142 p. 15,16
(11)✓

The "DW" dated 3/13/53 revealed that Lester Rodney was one of the speakers at a rally at Washington Heights, NY held by the Manhattan Freedom of the Press Committee which had scheduled rallies in the "DW" and "The Worker" circulation campaign. u

100-8029-251 p. 20
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The 4/10/53 issue of "Nova Doba" (The New Era) (100-23687), a Czech language weekly newspaper, contained an article entitled "The Fifth Amendment to the American Constitution." This article informed the readers that it was not necessary, according to the Fifth Amendment to the American Constitution for a man to testify against himself. This article quoted Lester Rodney of the "DW" who pointed out in his article that it was not necessary for a man to publicly admit his political convictions. u

(Translation of copies of paper
enclosed)
100-23687-68 p. 2
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[redacted] on 6/3/53 advised that [redacted] (100-391136) had made a ten dollar contribution to the "DW" Fund Drive and in doing so, stipulated that the amount be credited to Lester Rodney, whose sport column, Franklin stated, was the only one she ever read. (U) ~~✓~~

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100-391136-3 p. 3
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[redacted] advised that on 6/8/53 [redacted] (100-410944) was a teen-age advisor of the LYL and directed a communication to Lester Rodney, 35 East 12th St., NYC requesting Rodney to speak before a teen-age group of the LYL. (No further information) ~~✓~~

(U) Add. info. according to [redacted] ~~✓~~

100-410944-1 p. 1
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[redacted] advised that Julius Eli Scheir (100-366673) attended a meeting of the Freedom of the Press Committee at 37 Howe St., New Haven, Connecticut on 7/17/53. Lester Rodney was the guest speaker. ~~U~~

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100-366673-20 p. 4
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[redacted] (protect identity) [redacted] at Camp Unity (100-43795), advised that Lester Rodney, Sports Writer for the "DW," was a guest at the Camp during part of August 1953. U

100-43795-39 p. 10
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On 8/12/53 [redacted] advised that [redacted] was at the residence of [redacted], NYC, at which time [redacted] requested [redacted] the [redacted] maid, to introduce his friend [redacted] to Lester Rodney, who was also present at the [redacted] residence. ~~U~~

It was noted that [redacted] (100-366590) used the alias "Li1." U

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[redacted] advised on 6/1/53 that [redacted] was the West Side railroad coordinator for NY County CP. ~~U~~

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[redacted] advised on 8/13/53 that [redacted] was authorized to convey messages for the underground members of the CP. ~~U~~

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100-366590-29 p. 7
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[redacted] advised that on 10/7/53 a contribution of \$10 had been made to Lester Rodney, 35 East 12th St., NYC "for our paper" by Betty, Dan, Gene and Art Fast (100-407589) of Golden's Bridge, NY. ~~U~~

In the "DWS" published during October 1953, Rodney was identified as Sports Editor. U

100-407589-1 p. 6
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The "DW" 11/19/53 carried an article captioned "The Frameup in the Twenty-One Inch Frame" by Lester Rodney. This article was reprinted in the "Nova Doba" (100-23687) dated 11/27/53 and captioned "Brownell-Hoover on Television" by Lester Rodney. U

The above article criticized the Jenner Committee for allowing Attorney General Brownell to appear before the Jenner Committee and read a prepared statement, when individuals such as "Dennis, Fast, the Hollywood Ten, all the trade unionists and progressives" hailed before the Committee were refused permission to read a statement. The article further pointed out that J. Edgar Hoover had too much power. U

100-23687-112 p. 5
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On 1/18/54 [] advised that [] Far Rockaway, N.Y. (100-407095) had sent a communication to Lester Rodney, Sports Editor, "DW," enclosing an article from the Christmas edition of "Country Life," and "organ of the British Rural Aristocracy," dealing with the performance of a Hungarian soccer team. (U) X

100-407095-2
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"The Worker" dated 9/12/54 carried an article captioned "Labor Press to Sponsor New 'Olympiad' Sept. 19" in part stated that thousands of athletes, men, women and children would turn up at Camp Midvale, N.J. near Pompton Lakes on Sunday 9/19/54 for one of the big sports events of all times. Some of these athletes' names had been made household words by Lester Rodney. This event was a Support-The-Labor-Press picnic sponsored by ten newspapers including the "DW," the "Morning Freiheit," the "Greek American Tribune," "L'Unita del Popolo," "Magyar Zso," "Freedom" and "New Challenge." U

100-14125-181 p. 8
(11) ✓

[] stated that Pettis Perry left word at CP headquarters on 9/27/54 for Isadore Wofsy (100-27795) to contact Lester Rodney at the "DW." (U) X

Perry was one of the CP leaders convicted on 1/21/53 in the US District Court, Southern District of NY, for violating the Smith Act. U

100-27795-126 p. 2
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On 1/4/55 [redacted]

[redacted], (protect identity) furnished information which showed that [redacted] and Lester Rodney, NYC sent Christmas greetings to Jacob Stachel who was incarcerated in the institution. U

100-20187-188 p. 12
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Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity), furnished approximately five hundred Christmas greeting cards received at the institution addressed to John Williamson (100-11687) in December 1954. A check revealed that one of these greeting cards was from [redacted] and Lester Rodney, postmarked New York City. U

100-11687-419 p. 12
(11)✓

A WFO letter dated 3/22/56 enclosed the transcript of a hearing held regarding a passport for [redacted] (100-53174) at the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, DC on 3/7/56. During the testimony [redacted] referred to Lester Rodney, Sports Editor, and his coverage of the winter Olympics in Italy in February 1955 and his interview of a labor leader while in Italy. U

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The testimony showed that [redacted] was managing editor of the "DW" who on 1/19/56 applied for a passport to travel to Russia to cover the Congress of CP of Soviet Union. U

*Undersigned per State Dept
Letter 7/29/81
SPS B7D/mce 8/12/81*

(Testimony enclosed)
100-53174-45 encl. p. 34,63-68,72,
(14)✓ 76,79,81

"Counterattack" (100-350512) dated 3/4/55 revealed that "The Worker" had used baseball and one of its great Negro players as a come-on for a straight Party-line "Negro History Week" edition. It contained an interview of Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers by Lester Rodney. Toward the end of the interview Rodney angled some bitter, Party line references to policies of "lily whiteness" being "broken" by men like Campanella. U

100-350512-629
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On 4/11/55, Wayne Freeman, editor of "The Reflector," official newspaper of Associated Student Body, Mississippi State College, forwarded a brochure entitled, "Labor Youth League, Speakers Bureau." This leaflet advertised the establishment of a Speakers Bureau by the LYL and set out a list of Marxist lecturers who would be available for addressing given schools and organizations. The name of Lester Rodney appeared on this list. U

(Above brochure enclosed)

100-362555-1479

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[] advised a meeting was held 4/24/55 at the home of Meridel Le Sueur (100-105909) in Minneapolis, Minn., sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Committee. Le Sueur played a tape recording of a meeting which took place in New York City. [] said it was indicated on the tape recording that Lester Rodney of the "DW" staff made the presentation of the recorder to Le Sueur. ~~C~~

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100-105909-89 p. 4

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The 6/24/55 issue of "Counterattack" (100-350512) featured an item captioned "Baseball and the Daily Worker" which objected to Lester Rodney as a communist reporter receiving full accreditation from the baseball clubs. According to this publication, Rodney always interjected the communist-line into his coverage of American sports and should not be granted the same privileges as our truly American sports columnists. U

In addition, the article indicated that Rodney had been critical of "Counterattack." U

(Copy of above publication enclosed)

100-350512-646

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[] stated that Lester Rodney, whose [] managed the book shop at Camp Unity (100-43795), had visited his [] the weekend of 8/8/55. The informant added that Rodney visited the camp on many weekends. ~~C~~

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100-43795-65 p. 5

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Dr. Gene Ann Polk, who was employed as camp physican at Camp Woodland (100-415589), Phoenicia, NY advised on 9/13/55, that [redacted] of Lester Rodney, was at Camp Woodland during the 1955 season. U

100-415589-6 p.6
(27) ✓

[redacted] learned through private conversation with Lester Rodney of the "DW" that Arthur Miller's play "A View From the Bridge" had been reviewed by Rodney during dress rehearsal and was well received by its audience but probably would not be approved by "intelligentsia" of the CP. U

61-7582-2840 p.2
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*Opened 9/29/55 at Coronet Theatre, NYC. U

Miss [redacted] for Women, Alderson, W.Va. (protect identity) advised that during the Christmas season of 1955 greetings were sent to Betty Gannett (100-8029) at the above institution from [redacted] and Lester Rodney, 30 Fairview Ave., NYC. U

100-8029-279 p.6
(11) ✓

(U) [redacted] advised that Lester Rodney attended Camp Unity in 1954-1955. ~~U~~

Camp Unity was cited as a "notorious communist rendezvous" in Wingdale, NY according to HCUA annual report for 1955. U

(U) Add. info. according to [redacted] ~~U~~

61-3176-2297 p.6
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[redacted]
(protect identity) on 2/14/56 furnished information which revealed that [redacted] & Lester Rodney, 30 Fairview Ave., NYC 40, NY sent greeting cards to Robert Thompson and Phillip Frank Feld at that institution. (U)

100-11552-468 p. 16
(11) ✓

(U) On 3/1/56 [redacted] furnished photographic copies of information in the possession of [redacted] (100-57090). This informant advised that [redacted] went into the underground early in 1952 and functioned under the code name [redacted] as coordinator of all CP activities in the South. (U)

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(U) Among the material furnished was a piece of paper with the names of [redacted] and Les (Rodney), telephone #T0 7-3042. (U)

100-57090-129 p. 8
(30) ✓

(U) A trash cover on the residence of [redacted] Silver Spring, Md. (100-39023) on 3/9/56 revealed that she and her [redacted] had received a leaflet announcing that the Washington Freedom of the Press Committee was sponsoring Lester Rodney, Sports Editor of "The Worker," at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, NW, Washington, DC, on 3/16/56. Rodney's topic was to be "Winter Olympics." (U)

100-39023-42 p. 20
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(U) [redacted] advised that on 3/15/56 Lottie Gordon (100-25875) told Sylvia Brandt that they were disappointed at the poor turnout for the Lester Rodney meeting held 3/14/56 at the High St. Community Center, 652 High St., Newark, NJ under the sponsorship of the New Jersey Freedom of the Press Committee. (U)

(U) [redacted] advised on 6/9/55 that Sylvia Brandt was known to him as a member of the New Jersey CP at that time. (U)

Add. info.

100-25875-88 p. 8,9
(12) ✓

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (100-4724) and another individual, who was unknown to the informant, had picked up Lester Rodney at Union Station and had taken him to the Washington Freedom of the Press Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. on 3/16/56. Rodney was the main speaker at the meeting. This informant also stated that [redacted] contributed \$35 in answer to an appeal for contributions. ~~(U)~~

Add. info. according to [redacted] and [redacted] ~~(U)~~

100-4724-114 p. 18,19
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100-11687-493
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On 9/4/57, [redacted] advised the New York Office that Joe Clark, foreign editor of "DW" (100-19591), had resigned from the "DW" and from the CP, USA. According to this informant, Lester Rodney, a communist who belonged to the John Gates faction of the Party, would most likely follow Clark out of the Party. U

100-19591-92
(12) ✓

[redacted] advised on 10/9/57, that as of that date, Lester Rodney was still a reporter for the "DW" and a member of the CP. U

Add. info.

100-387835-1736 p. 24
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(U) On 11/20/57 [] learned that an individual named Lester, his [] and two children were planning to visit Lester's [] in the Langley Park section of Silver Spring, Md., on Thanksgiving, 11/28/57. ~~Q~~

(U) According to the above informant, Lester was a sports writer who was contemplating a move to California. The informant learned that Lester and his son may stay with [] (100-4724) on the night of 11/28/57. ~~Q~~

New York was requested to determine whether Lester was identical with Lester Rodney. U

100-4724-138
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In connection with the above request, New York on 1/21/58 replied that from information furnished, it appeared that Lester Rodney was identical with Lester mentioned above. U

The "DW" dated 2/8/49 contained a paragraph which congratulated Lester and [] on the arrival of their second child on 2/7/49. U

Add. info.

100-4728-142
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"Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover published in 1958, revealed that Lester Rodney, "DW" sports writer, in his column "On the Scoreboard", praised "the phenomenal and growing success of the Soviet Union in the world of sports." U

Book enclosed
62-104277-795 p.164
(3)✓

[redacted] Glen Falls, NY, (100-7219) advised on 7/31/58 that his new business venture, the "Warrensburg News," at Warrensburg, NY was progressing but demanded a terrific amount of time. He stated that he had heard from [redacted] in Los Angeles. [redacted] stated he had encountered Lester Rodney who told [redacted] that he had read in the "New York Times" of [redacted]'s new business venture and [redacted] said they both wished him success. [redacted] stated that he, [redacted] and Rodney all worked for the "DW" until about 1956 when he and [redacted] quit. [redacted] stated that Rodney shared [redacted]'s opinion that the CP would never be effective until it had a clean and public break with the Soviet Union. He said Rodney drifted away from the communist movement although he was still on the "DW" when [redacted] left NYC. U

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100-7219-294
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The following references in the file captioned CP, USA contain information pertaining to the activities of Lester Rodney, a writer for the DW: U

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-3-2192 encl.p 42	(5)✓	100-3-4-7286 p.68	(7)✓
3411 p.159	(5)✓	7867 p.2,73,76	(7)✓
4879 p.103,136	(5)✓	A-"DW" 4/9/46	(7)✓
4437 p.90	(6)✓		
A-"DW" 3/14/47	(6)✓	100-3-28-700	(7)✓
		1786 p.52	(7)✓
100-3-4-4819 p.210	(6)✓	2222 p.16,19,	(7)✓
5648 p.8	(6)✓	30,48,87	
5654 p.29	(6)✓	2278 p.33	(7)✓
6264	(6)✓		
6696 p.23	(6)✓	100-3-29-880 p.12	(7)✓
6874 p.73	(6)✓		
7108 p.21	(6)✓	100-3-57-132 p.8	(7)✓
7136 p.58	(7)✓		
		100-3-60-170 p.17	(7)✓
		543 p.15	(8)✓
		1010 p.8,16	(8)✓

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The following references in the file captioned CP, USA contain information pertaining to the CP activities of Lester Rodney in the categories as set out below: U

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

Organization

100-3-69-450 p.5 (8) ✓
4441 p.21 (8) ✓

Political Activities

100-3-72-1519 encl.p.8083 (8) ✓
A "DW" 10/26/46 (8) ✓

Veterans Commission

100-3-73-108 p.5 (8) ✓
137 p.41 (8) ✓
145 p.3 (8) ✓
177 p.11 (8) ✓
A "DW" 5/8/47 (8) ✓
A "The Worker" 6/4/50 (8) ✓

Compros

100-3-74-32-698 p.5 (9) ✓
808 p.13 (9) ✓
823 p.8 (9) ✓
835 p.1 (9) ✓
873 p.6 (9) ✓

Negro Question

100-3-75-A "DW" 8/30/47 (9) ✓
A "DW" 12/25/47 (9) ✓

Youth Matters

100-3-76-A "The Worker" 7/14/46 (9) ✓

International Relations

100-3-81-A "DW" 4/17/56 (9) ✓

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The following references in file 61-7559 pertain to general CP activities. Lester Rodney was a CP registrant on Oct. 6, 1936 and attended the National CP convention in July 1938. He was also a member of the "DW" staff. U

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
61-7559-3063	(2)✓	61-7559-6230 p.2	(2)✓
3142 p.74	(2)✓	7801 p.2	(2)✓
5289X1	(2)✓	10595 p. 23	(32)✓

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The following references in the file captioned "Freedom of the Press, Inc.", file #97-401, contain information pertaining to the activities of Lester Rodney, an editorial staff member in this organization: U

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
97-401-48 p.3	(4)✓	97-401-468 p.44, 44B	(5)✓
66 p.20	(4,32)✓	554 p.44, 45, 76, 81	(5,32)✓
216 p.2,9	(4,32)✓	623 p.5	(5)✓
247 p.4,9	(4)✓	693 p.4, 6, 23	(5)✓
290 p.5, 6, 16	(4,30)✓	833 p.3	(5)✓
294	(4)✓	928 p.5, 7, 44, 45,	(5)✓
360 p.17, 26, 34	(4,32)✓	51, 61	
381 p.37, 45	(4)✓	1015 p.4	(5)✓
429 p.57, 61	(4)✓	A-"DW" 10/2/57	(5)✓

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The following references in the file captioned "Committee For the Freedom of the Press," file #100-383649, contain information pertaining to the activities of Lester Rodney, Sports Editor of "DW": U

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-383649-35 p.10	(24)✓	100-383649-247	(24)✓
96 p.13	(24)✓	248	(24)✓
149	(24)✓	274 p.9, 10	(25)✓
166	(24)✓	289 p.5	(25)✓
179	(24)✓	291 p.2, 3	(25)✓
183 p.6	(24)✓		

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The following references on Lester Rodney appear in the main file of Rose Reiter, 100-368447. The references set out close association and activities engaged in by the two families in the affairs of the CP in NYC: u

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-368447-1 p.2	(22)✓	100-368447-22 p.3	(23)✓
12 p.10,11	(22,31)✓	23 p.14	(23)✓
16	(23,31)✓	42 p.12,13	(23)✓
20 p.16,19,	(23)✓	47 p.9	(23)✓
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The following references on Lester Rodney appear in the main file of Sidney Reiter, 100-243742. The references set out close association and activities engaged in by the two men in the affairs of the CP in NYC: u

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-243742-11 p.6	(17)✓	100-243742-61 p.27	(17)✓
22 p.12,13	(17,31)✓	66 p.4	(17)✓
24 p.5,6,12	(17)✓		
27 p.17,18	(17)✓		

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The following references referred to information which appeared in the "DW" in column entitled "On the Scoreboard" written by Lester Rodney: u

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-180916-29 p.2	(15)✓
100-3-4-6876 p.35	(6)✓
100-23687-48 p.14	(12)✓

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The following references referred to articles or news items written by Lester Rodney which appeared in the "DW" or "The Worker":

TITLE OF ARTICLE	DATE	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
"GI Press Clamp Moves Round World"	3/7/46	61-7557-A "DW" 3/7/46	(2)✓
"He was Subversive to Fascism Until Death"	3/12/46	61-7557-A "DW" 3/12/46	(2)✓
"A Paper for People Who Remember"	4/20/46	61-4478-A "DW" 4/20/46	(2)✓
"Veterans Fined for Protesting War Talk"	5/11/46	101-6812-7 p. 9	(29)✓
"Saw Fascists Hogging UNRA Food In Greece"	5/29/46	110-6-253-A "DW" 5/29/46	(29)✓
"Leaders In Subs Drive Honored at Gallacher Meet"	10/24/46	100-311083-4 p. 3	(18)✓
"Many Topnotch Artists Got Start in Camp Unity's Democratic Soil"	7/24/47	100-43795-A "DW" 7/24/47 100-377684-8 p. 1 100-356577-3 100-356577-22 p. 4	(13)✓ (24)✓ (20)✓ (20)✓
"Jackie Robinson and the Un-American Committee"	7/11/49	100-3-4-6757 p. 62	(6)✓
"Fans Thrill to Daily Worker Game"	5/7/50	100-3-4-A "The Worker" 5/7/50	(7)✓
"16000 in Union Square Rally to Tell Truman: Peace by Xmas"	12/12/51	100-3-4-7090 p. 10	(6)✓
"Jeff School Students Give Answer to Premature Obituaries In Press"	1/26/53	100-227027-303 p. 34 (excerpts set out)	(16)✓
"This is Your Life, John Foster Dulles"	4/18/54	62-84466-A "The Worker" 4/18/54	(3)✓
"Keep Calm, Everyone"	1/17/55	100-3-5162 p. 75,76	(6)✓
"Notes From The South"	6/14/39	61-7559-4073X10	(2)✓

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Lester Rodney located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Files and Communications Division, Records Branch, were not reviewed. U

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
65-60731-127 p.16	(3) -
100-1628-219	(9)✓

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source and additional nonpertinent information will be noted on the search slip. U

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/10/63 5/28; 7/8/63
TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, aka		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH O. SMITH
		TYPED BY kep
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, 7/10/63. u

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext interview on July 8, 1963 was by SA JOSEPH O. SMITH to subject's employer as an old friend. u

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[redacted]	7/2/63	Orally to SA [redacted]
[redacted]	7/3/63	Orally to SA [redacted]

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NOTATIONS

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REASON FOR EXTENSION
ECHR, II, 1-2.4.2.
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION 9/10/83

LA 100-56744

- (U) 1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
 6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
 7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____ when writing in the "Daily Worker" in January, 1958 he referred to the interview in an unfavorable manner. Attempts to re-interview might result in possible embarrassment to Bureau since subject is writer. u

- (U) 9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended New York State Communist Party and National Communist Party Convention in 1957; was in touch with Communist Party headquarters in New York in June, 1958 and in September, 1961 was reported as writing articles on civil rights in connection with a rally of the Constitutional Liberties Information Center.
 11. ☐ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: JOSEPH O. SMITH
Date: 7/10/63

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File No.: 100-56744

Bureau File No.: 100-46858

Title: LESTER RODSTEIN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Logical informants advised in July, 1963 that RODSTEIN is not known to be a Communist Party member. U

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DETAILSBACKGROUNDRESIDENCEMrs. RALPH GMUR
5325 Sunnyview Street
Torrance, California
(July 8, 1963)

LESTER RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. Mrs. GMUR stated RODSTEIN is a quiet neighbor and she has noticed no unusual gatherings or activities at his residence. She also advised RODSTEIN is employed in Beverly Hills, California as a salesman. U

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/4/90 BY 2333 GJ/mCLASSIFIED AND
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EMPLOYMENT

By means of an appropriate pretext interview by a Special Agent of the FBI on July 8, 1963, it was determined that RODSTEIN is employed as a salesman for Stiller-Hunt Advertising Agency, 9033 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. *u*

ACTIVITIES

Logical informants contacted in July, 1963 who are familiar with Communist Party members and activities in the area covering RODSTEIN's residence, and would be aware of any Communist Party activities by RODSTEIN, advised that RODSTEIN is not known to them to be a Communist Party member and they had no information concerning him. *u*

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LESTER RODSTEIN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 3/3/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) (P)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
SM - C

Re Los Angeles FD-122 to Bureau dated 1/15/64. u

On 2/27/64 [redacted]
[redacted] California, a neighborhood source, advised RODSTEIN
continues to give every indication he is still unemployed.
[redacted] advised RODSTEIN's automobile is always at home
and RODSTEIN is frequently seen by her around his home. u

Continued attention is being given this case as
RODSTEIN is of employable age. u

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/6/79 BY 2333 BT/km

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-46858) DATE: 1/15/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Cards Sent OO
1/23/64
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth		
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)			
Unemployed			
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Residence Address		12 JAN 17 1964	

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 7/2/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) -C-

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
SM - CRe report of SA JOSEPH O. SMITH dated 7/10/63 at
Los Angeles. UOn 7/1/64, [redacted]
[redacted] California, a neighborhood source, advised that
recent conversations with RODSTEIN's [redacted] indicate RODSTEIN
continues to be a self-employed fiction writer who works from
his residence, 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. UInformants of the Los Angeles Office ([redacted])
orally to SA [redacted] on 6/29/64; [redacted] orally
to SA [redacted] on 6/24/64) who are acquainted with
Communist Party activities in the area of RODSTEIN's
residence and who would logically have knowledge of any
activity on the part of RODSTEIN, could furnish no current
information concerning him. Xb2
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b7DFiles of the Los Angeles Office contain no infor-
mation concerning RODSTEIN, received subsequent to date of
referenced report. U2 - Bureau
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 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

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7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
when writing in the "Daily Worker" in January, 1958, he referred to the interview in an unfavorable manner. Attempts to reinterview might result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau since subject is a writer. *U*

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8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended New York State CP and National CP Convention in 1957; was in touch with CP Headquarters in New York in June, 1958 and, in September, 1961, was reported as writing articles on civil rights in connection with a rally of the Constitutional Liberties Information Center.
 10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-46858)

DATE: 3/25/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
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New -☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized
<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League	
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race _____
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)	
Self Employed, Fiction Writer, from Residence	
Key Facility Data	
Geographical Reference Number _____	Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____	_____
Residence Address _____	

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 6/30/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/1 - 28/65
TITLE OF CASE LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY dey
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b7DREFERENCES: Los Angeles letter to Bureau, dated 7/2/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

RODSTEIN has been personally observed and an FD 165 has been placed. *U*

The Chicago Division received information from CG 5824-S* which is set out in Chicago letter to the Director, dated 12/23/64, captioned Communist Party, USA, IS-C. In its letter the Chicago Division cautioned that information furnished by this source must not be disseminated outside the Bureau and is to be confined to the administrative pages of a report. Source made available secret documents of the National Review Commission, CPUSA concerning a group of individuals including RODSTEIN, who were reported to be attached to the staff of the "The Daily Worker". The information furnished by this source on August 18, 1964, indicated that RODSTEIN has been a member.

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- ⑤ - Bureau (100-46858) (REGISTERED)
 1 - Secret Service, Los Angeles (REGISTERED)
 3 - Los Angeles (100-56744)

ENCLOSURE
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EX 113

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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(U) of the Upper Stuyvesant CP Branch and had been branch Press Director as well as a group captain. He was also a fund drive director. The information indicated that RODSTEIN has been a member of the party for eleven years and has been associated with the paper for ten years. ~~S~~

INFORMANTS

SOURCE

LA T-1 ✓
[redacted]

LA T-2 ✓
[redacted]

LOCATION

100-56744-87
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NEGATIVE INFORMANTS ✓

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6/25/65
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SA [redacted]

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4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because (state reason)
 the data reported from LA T-2 could reasonably result in disclosure of a confidential source of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
when writing subsequently in the "Daily Worker" subject referred to the interview in an unfavorable manner and it is felt another attempt with RODSTEIN, since he is a writer, could possibly result in embarrassment. U

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
he attended the New York State CP and also the National CP convention in 1957; because he was in contact with CP headquarters in New York in June, 1958; because it was reported in September, 1961, that he was writing articles concerning Civil Rights in connection with a CLIC rally and because of the information reported in May 1965, that he was a recent contributor to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms.
10. ☐ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles (Registered)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles (Registered)

Report of:

Date:

6/30/65

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Office: Los Angeles

Field Office File #: 100-56744

Bureau File #: 100-46858

Title: LESTER RODSTEIN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

RODSTEIN resides in Torrance, California, and is Religion Editor for the Long Beach Independent Press Telegram. Reported May, 1965, that he was a recent contributor of \$5.00 to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms. Logical informants contacted June, 1965, advised RODSTEIN not known to be a CP member.

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DETAILS:PERSONAL HISTORYEMPLOYMENT

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LA T-1 (6/23/65)

RODSTEIN is Religion Editor for the Long Beach Independent Press Telegram, Sixth Street and Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California.

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LA 100-56744

RESIDENCE

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This individual advised on June 23, 1965, that RODSTEIN resides at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. / U

ACTIVITIES

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

Logical informants contacted June, 1965, advised RODSTEIN not known to be a CP member. U

OTHER ACTIVITIES INDICATING A
FURTHERANCE OF THE CP PROGRAM

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO
PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS
(CCPAF) (See Appendix)

LA T-2 (5/20/65)

(U) [RODSTEIN reported by source as a recent contributor of \$5.00 to the CCPAF.]

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 43-44, describes this committee as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms * * * specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON, an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time, paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests on honor.

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses would not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONLos Angeles, California
June 30, 1965In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

100-56744✓

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Title LESTER RODSTEIN /

Character SECURITY MATTER - C /

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated as above at Los Angeles,
California. ✓b6
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-46858

DATE: 4/8/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Religion Editor, Long Beach Independent-Press-Telegram, 6th Street and Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address		
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4/8/85		NOT RECORDED 6 APR 12 1965

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AND HANDLED SEPARATELY



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

April 8, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BU 100-46858
LA 100-56744

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DATE 05-26-2010 BY 60324 uc baw sab/ml

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated May 15, 1964 U

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Religion Editor, Long Beach Independent-
Press-Telegram, 6th Street and Pine Avenue,
Long Beach, California U

Copy to secret service
by routing slip for
☒ info ☐ action
date 4/14/65
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Tolson _____
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Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

J. Lee
Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. F. Bland

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DATE: 1/26/65

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - C FORM 1, 1-2.4.2

LESTER RODNEY

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EXTENDED BY 333 3/6/79 GS/7A 9-
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Chicago letter dated 12/23/64 captioned
"CP, USA, Internal Security - C," forwarded biographical
sketches on various individuals setting out the history
of these individuals in the Communist Party as well as
certain personal data. These sketches were made available
by CG 5824-S* on 8/18/64. These sketches were also
furnished the last known office of origin in each
individual case.

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Included in this material was a biographical
sketch concerning captioned individual, sketch attached.

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Chicago noted the extremely delicate source of
the information and instructed the field to initiate no
investigation based upon this material without prior
Bureau approval. If deemed desirable, investigation
can be initiated under suitable safeguards to insure
the security of the source. Chicago further instructed
that the information is not to be included in an
investigative report for dissemination. If deemed
pertinent, the information may be disseminated suitably
paraphrased in such a manner as to fully protect the
source's identity. The Chicago letter of transmittal
is filed as serial 7855 of 100-3.

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ACTION:

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The substantive supervisor will review the attached
material for the purpose of determining whether further action
is warranted.

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PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO MORRIS CHILDS

NAME Lester Rodney

PARTY BRANCH Upper Stuyvesant

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY PARTY COMMITTEES? _____

At present am press director branch and group captain.

Was fund drive director.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE PARTY? Eleven years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE PAPER? Ten years

ARE YOU ACTIVE IN ANY NON-PARTY ORGANIZATIONS? _____

Member Dmcant-Paris post of American Legion

Member Baseball Writers Association of America, other sports writing groups.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OR COMMENT _____

In Army from June 1942 to January 1946. Overseas in Pacific

Theatre 32 months. Returned to "Daily" in February, '46.

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ON 05-26-2010

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 6/29/66

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) (C)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
SM - C

Re: Report of SA [redacted] 6/30/66
at Los Angeles. u

[redacted]
California, neighborhood source, on 6/13/66, advised that the RODSTEINS, known to her as the RODNEYS, continue to reside at 5403 Sunnyview Street. She stated that she has not seen LESTER RODSTEIN in the recent past. [redacted] said she believed that the RODSTEINS were separated but stated she had no facts to substantiate her belief other than not seeing him for some time. u

On 6/22/66, LESTER RODSTEIN was personally observed by SA [redacted] as he, RODSTEIN, came out of his residence at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance and drove away. u

Mrs. [redacted] Assistant to the Postmaster, 2510 Monterey Street, Torrance, California, on 6/22/66, advised that LESTER RODNEY continues to receive his mail at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance and he has at no time ever filed a change of address with the post office at Torrance, California. u

[redacted] on 6/22/66, orally advised SA [redacted] that LESTER RODSTEIN continues to reside at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California, and is presently employed as the religion editor for the "Long Beach Independent Press Telegram", 6th Street and Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California. u

(U) The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect no references concerning LESTER RODSTEIN since date of referenced report and no new information has been channelized to his case file during this period. u

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SLIP(S) OF
DATE 5-29-83

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Confidential informants generally familiar with Communist Party (CP) activity in the area in which RODSTEIN resides and is employed, have been contacted and they advised they have no knowledge of any current CP or related activity on his part. These informants are as follows: u

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This letter is being submitted in lieu of a report. u

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

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8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
 9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he attended the New York State CP and also the National CP convention in 1957; because he was in contact with CP headquarters in New York in June, 1958; because it was reported in September, 1961, that he was writing articles concerning Civil Rights in connection with a CLIC rally, and because of the information reported in May, 1965 that he was a recent contributor to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms.
 10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) _____.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

DATE: 7/5/67

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) (C)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
SM-C

Re Los Angeles letter dated 6/29/66. U

California, neighborhood source, on 6/19/67, advised SA [redacted] that RODNEY continues to reside at 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California. [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Long Beach Police Department on 6/19/67 advised subject continues in his employment as Religion Editor, Long Beach Independent-Press-Telegram, 6th Street, and Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California. U

Subject's file was reviewed and indices were searched and no unreported information concerning him was located. U

Following logical informants were contacted who are familiar with Communist Party members and activities within the Southside Section, Southern California District, Communist Party, which includes the areas of Torrance and Long Beach, California, and advised they were not aware of any current activity on his part: U

(U) [redacted] 6/12/67 SA [redacted]
[redacted] 6/21/67 SA EMERY D. TURNER

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3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken 6-12-58.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

7. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/9/53.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of his CP history and in view of his present position as a writer for a newspaper. U

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8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
he attended the New York State CP and also the National CP convention in 1957; because he was in contact with CP headquarters in New York in June, 1958, because it was reported in September 1961 that he was writing articles concerning Civil Rights in connection with a Constitutional Liberties Information Center rally, and because of the information reported in May, 1965 that he was a recent contributor to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms.
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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ON 05-26-2010

To: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: June 6, 1968.

Jury
From: Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: LESTER

Security Index card cancelled
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RODSTEIN

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Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on _____.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future
review should be

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Commentary:

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Director, FBI (100-46858) - 49

1 - Mr. Mastrovich
1 - Mr. Enlow

LESTER ROBSTEN
SH - C

Security Index card cancelled
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By letter dated June 6, 1968, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the cards maintained in your office.

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You should promptly review your file and consider whether or not the subject fits the standards for Section A of the Reserve Index as set out in Section 57D of the Manual of Instructions, in view of his employment as Religion Editor, Long Beach Independent-Press-Telegram, Long Beach, California.

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NOTE:

Last letter in lieu of annual report dated 7/5/67. U

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

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DATE: 7/18/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) (P)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
SM - C

Re Los Angeles letter to the Director dated 7/5/67,
and Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 6/12/68.

On 7/16/68, [redacted]
[redacted] California, a neighborhood source, advised
that LESTER RODNEY continues to reside at 5403 Sunnyview
Street, Torrance, California. She advised that he is
Religion Editor for the Long Beach Independent-Press-Telegram.
On 7/16/68, a telephone call to the switchboard of the Long
Beach Independent-Press-Telegram, 6th Street and Pine Avenue,
Long Beach, California, verified that LESTER RODNEY continues
in the position of Religion Editor for the newspaper.

In view of the fact that the Department of Justice
removed the subject from the Security Index, it is recommended
that he be placed in Section A of the Reserve Index due to
his position as Religion Editor.

An FD 122a has been furnished to reflect RODSTEIN's
transfer from the Security Index to the Section A of the
Reserve Index.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-46858) DATE: 7/16/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744)

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8/1/68SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re: Bulet to Los Angeles dated 6/12/68

☒ It is recommended that a "Section A"
Reserve Index Card be prepared on
the above-captioned individual.☐ The "Section A" Reserve Index
Card on the captioned individual
should be changed as follows
(specify change only):

Name LESTER RODSTEIN			
Aliases Lester Rodney			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> SWP	<input type="checkbox"/> JFG	<input type="checkbox"/> SPL
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Date of Birth 4/17/11	Place of Birth Brooklyn, New York	Race White	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any. Religion Editor, Long Beach Independent-Press- Telegram, 6th Street and Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California		Residence Address 5403 Sunnyview Street, Torrance, California	
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ON 05-26-2010

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858)

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DATE: 6/30/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) (P)

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
Lester Rodney
SM - C
OO: Los Angeles

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REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 6/30/89

Re Passport Office letter to Director dated 5/7/69. U

Enclosed for the Bureau are twenty copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning the proposed foreign travel of the captioned subject. U

Source one utilized is [redacted] U

Source two is Mr. [redacted] Los Angeles Area Council

(conceal per request). U

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The pretext utilized in LHM was a telephone call to the City Editor of the Independent, Press-Telegram, Long Beach, California, as a friend of the subject down from San Francisco, on 6/26/69. U

The LHM is classified confidential because data reported by Source one could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof. U

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

June 30, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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LESTER RODSTEIN
also known as
Lester Rodney

On May 7, 1969, Mr. [redacted] Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Lester Rodney was issued passport number K520785 on April 25, 1969, at Los Angeles, California. Rodney indicated he planned to depart on June 22, 1969, to visit England, France, Italy, Yugoslavia and Holland for a period of four weeks for vacation purposes. u

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On January 27, 1957, Source one advised that during the January 27, 1957, session of the New York State Communist Party Convention held at Chateau Gardens, New York City, nominations were received for the elections of 14 delegates-at-large from the State Convention to the National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. Source one pointed out that Lester Rodney was among those persons nominated but who declined. u

In November 1, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 16, column 14, Lester Rodney, in his own column entitled, "On the Scoreboard," stated, "But in addition to being a sports writer, I happen to be a Communist...." u

The "Daily Worker" was an official East Coast Communist newspaper. u

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LESTER RODSTEIN
also known as
Lester Rodney

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Source two advised on June 3, 1959, that Lester Rodney stated he was still in sympathy with the overall philosophy and aims of the Communist Party and that the reason he left the Communist Party was because of his disappointment with the manner in which Khrushchev, the hierarchy, and the Communist Party Politbureau handled the Hungarian crisis and the revolution there. ~~C~~

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By means of a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 26, 1969, it was ascertained that Lester Rodney departed about June 22, 1969, for a one-month vacation trip to Europe and would return to his position as Religion Editor at the Independent, Press-Telegram Newspaper, Long Beach, California, at that time. U

Rodney is described as follows: U

Name	Lester Rodstein, also known as Lester Rodney
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	April 17, 1911
Place of Birth	New York City, New York
Height	5' 9"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown, balding
Eyes	Brown, wears glasses
Complexion	Light
Social Security Number	121-05-8572
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Los Angeles, California
June 30, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Title	LESTER RODSTEIN
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Los Angeles letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO (U) Director, FBI (100-46858)
Attention:
FROM *unpro* Legat, Paris (100-2897-16) ~~X~~ RUC)
SUBJECT: ^C LESTER RODSTEIN
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(S) Re LA let & LHM 6/30/69. *u*

DATE: 7/16/69

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-46858) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 8/7/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-56744) (C)

SUBJECT: 0
LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
Lester Rodney
SM - C
00: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles letter and LHM to the Bureau dated 6/30/69. U

Enclosed for the Bureau are twenty copies of an LHM concerning the proposed foreign travel of the captioned subject. U

The pretext utilized in the LHM was a telephone call to the City Desk of the Independent, Press-Telegram, Long Beach, California, as a friend of the subject inquiring when he had returned from his vacation in Europe. U

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
August 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LESTER RODSTEIN
also known as
Lester Rodney

Reference is made to a letterhead memorandum captioned as above dated June 30, 1969, at Los Angeles, California. U

By means of a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 7, 1969, it was ascertained that Lester Rodney returned from his vacation in Europe on July 28, 1969. An unidentified person on the City Desk of the Independent, Press-Telegram, Long Beach, California, stated that Rodney had returned to his position as Religion Editor for the newspaper. U

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FROM : (U) LEGAT, BONN (100-1795) (RUC)

DATE: 9/10/69

SUBJECT: LESTER RODSTEIN, aka
(U) SM - C

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Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 6/30/69. u

(U) The following agencies were alerted to the
subject's travel and requested to furnish any information
received concerning him. No information has been received
from the sources. c

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March 9, 1970

100-46858-



Dear Mr. 

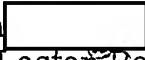
Mr. Sullivan has shown me your letter of March 3rd. *u*

Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and it is not possible to furnish the type of advice you are seeking. I regret we cannot be of assistance to you in this instance. *u*

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior correspondence with , last outgoing 2-10-69, in response to his comments concerning Lester Rodney, whose true name is Lester Rodstein. His reference to Rodney's name appearing in "Masters of Deceit" was previously acknowledged in our outgoing to him 10-31-68. Rodney is on Section A of the Reserve Index. *X*

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March 3, 1970

Mr. William C. Sullivan
Assistant Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sullivan

I read in "religion" section of Los Angeles Herald Examiner Sat. Feb 28, 1970, which the article stated: "Sullivan is a Christian layman who takes his faith seriously. He also is assistant Director of the F. B. I." *U*

From the above quote, prompt me to write you a note. *U*

Lester Rodney was sports writer for 22 years with "The Daily Worker" and "The Worker", In Jan. 1958 the Daily Worker closed publication. That ment Rodney was out of a job with the Daily Worker. That same year (1958) Lester Rodney came to California and went to work for the Santa Monica Outlook newspaper in Santa Monica California, writing on: Church, the ather, and garden. From the "Outlook" he worked for a advertising company in Beverly Hills, California. *U*

In 1965 Lester Rodney became Church and Religion Editor of Independent, Press--Telegram, Long Beach, California, the job he still holds. *U*

The co-owner and publisher of Independent Press-Telegram, knows about Lester Rodney's Communist activities (I informed Mr. in about December 1968. thinks Rodney is a good writer. *U*

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At this date (March 3, 1970) Lester Rodney is in Israel. (due back in the States sometime this week.) *U*

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Mr.

As a Christian laymen, could you inform your church in Long Beach about Rodney? (or) can it be arranged with your church in Long Beach to speak there (as you did in Chicago on the Black Panther Party) U

The people of Long Beach need to know about Rodney's back ground. U

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b7C In what way can I put preesure on the Independent, Press-Telegram to tell it's readers of Rodney's past activities and if he has really made a change, tell that to. U

I may be wrong in writing you this. And I know you are not to advise any private party as to what to do on their own - - - - but something needs to be done on this Lester Rodney.

Appreciate hearing from you. U

Thank you

Yours truly,

P. S.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover wrote about Rodey in his book. U

TRUE COPY

the scoreboard

—by lester ^①rodney—

We Were All Younger . . .

THE FIRST DAILY sports page rolled 21 years and 3 months ago. It joined the Daily Worker family in September of 1936, after an overwhelming vote of "yea" from the readers who liked the sports in the weekend Worker.

Your operative wrote the lead story that exciting day (probably on this same typewriter!) and it was headlined, in 60 point Railroad Gothic, "GIANT POWER THREATENS YANKS." The Yanks promptly whipped the Giants in six, which immediately established our good standing in the sports writing fraternity.

Also on those first daily sports pages was a comprehensive listing of Negro players we thought baseball fans should know about, plus a pointed interview with National League prexy Ford Frick, plus the beginning of constant interviews with white big league managers and players who knew the worth of the barred Negro players—such as "DIMAGGIO CALLS PAIGE GREATEST PITCHER."

Needless to say, there had never been such goings in the "big" daily sports sections. The campaign was on.

The Communist Party supplied the steam. Ben Davis was a powerhouse behind the campaign, as was Brooklyn's own Pete Cacchione. Young Communists started gathering the signatures of sports fans outside the stadiums, signatures which one day were to roll up into the millions and make Commissioner Landis gasp OK, OK, stop it, there's no ruling agaisnt Negro players in the big leagues.

Spetember 1936. . . . A couple of days after our first issue we covered a five round KO win by a 21-year-old heavyweight off the River Rouge assembly line called Joe Louis. (The vic-time was Al Ettore. How's your memory?) At the Polo Grounds we watched a fellow name of Carl Hubbell who wore his pants down to his ankle throw in three different speeds a left-handed pitch which darted away from right-handed hitters and put the Giants in the World Series with his 16th straight. The Yanks, to keep the record straight, batted with Crosetti, Rolfe, DiMaggio, Dickey, Selkirk and Lazzeri. The Dodgers were 7th, their natural habitat of the period. The glory days for Ebbets Field were not yet.

THERE WAS the inevitable crop of wise-cracks attending the birth of a Daily Worker sports section. Heywood Broun, the magnificent columnist who founded the newspaperman's union, was intrigued, and among other things quipped, "You can't class angle a box score." He was only partly right. Two years later he tipped his journalistic hat to us in his nationally syndicated column, favorably comparing the way we treated the callous firing of Detroit Manager Mike Cochrane by auto mogul Briggs with the Times treated it.

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Date *1-13-58*

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Among our prize letters in the early days came one from an indignant midwestern couple which said the Daily Worker had always been right, and here we wrote that NYU was going to beat Fordham in football, and lo and behold Fordham beat NYU.

But kidding aside, the readers have always been wonderful and I feel humble and grateful. They made possible whatever the page contributed to American life. On the day in April, 1947, in the pressbox at Ebbets Field when the terse announcement was handed out that Jackie Roosevelt Robinson was now a Dodger, and a writer from one of the big metropolitan dailies walked over, shook hands and said, "You people can take a bow," he really meant our readers too. For they were always more than readers. They were people who made history as they read history.

Well, there's a lot could be said. Let the "monument" to the Daily sports page stand in the book, "Roy Campanella—Most Valuable," (A. S. Barnes) which records the paper getting Roy and others the first big league tryouts for Negro players and speaks of "The Daily Worker, Communistic organ which pounded hard and unceasingly against the color line in organized baseball."

Good enough.

... AND SO THIS is the final column. I think everyone knows by now how I stand on the issues which have been fought out in the Communist Party. I believe we urgently had to make crystal clear that we truly stood for socialism with political democracy, based on our country's best traditions, and that this and other important decisions of the party convention have been shunted aside. Yet let me say I have only pity for a writer leaving the party and saying he is "coming out of a nightmare." Good Lord, the nightmare is the H-bomb. The nightmare is the John Foster Dulles policy which says "no" to the whole world's cry to end it. The nightmare is surely in the long run an immoral economic system which seems to need war or war production to function without breakdown. The nightmare is Jim Crow, the inhuman crime which still chokes our land. Isn't the only real quest

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tion how you actually help rally the most Americans in the U.S.A. of 1958 to fight these nightmares?

Well, this is a sports column, so let's put the "thirty" slug after a final mention of sports. Here we go toward another baseball season. Millions of sports-loving American youngsters all over the land follow a growingly-integrated na-

tional pastime. As I think of the way the widening ripples from the great victory moved ever outward, how they soaked into our country's life and became part of the Supreme Court decision on schools, I know that no matter what conclusions I may draw from present party developments I will always, repeat, always be proud of having been in a party and having worked on a newspaper which did so much for my country.

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the scoreboard

—by lester rodney—

Howard Rushmore

"THE BODY is still here unclaimed," said the voice on the phone at the Bellevue Morgue. We had been asked by the city editor to make the routine call about Howard Rushmore who once worked on this paper and then became a stoolie and finally killed himself and his wife last Friday.

And that's the sorry end of Howard Rushmore. Back around 1938 when he worked here, we used to go up to the gravel roof atop this building at lunch hours on pleasant days, with two mitts and a baseball. Rushmore stood about 6 feet 4 inches tall and was a pretty fair first baseman. He'd skid grounders around the roof to me, I'd scoop them up and fire them in his general direction. It was very pleasant to play a little baseball during a workday, especially in such an odd setting with the grimy old ~~roofs~~ of downtown Manhattan around us, and on a good slambang play we'd cut loose with yips of senseless exultation.

Then all of a sudden he was over on the front page of the Hearst newspaper writing wierd inventions for good pay about the Communist Party. I think the next time I saw him real close was one morning a few years ago when I started for work and a car went by slowly with him and two other men in it. At the next corner one of the men accosted me with the alternate wheedling to "be smart" and threats to "watch out" if I didn't "cooperate," a revolting routine which honors those chosen for it as decent Americans. "This is your FBI." My old baseball partner was now picking up a few extra bucks as a minor league finger man.

After years of working as a stoolie and finger man and confidant of Joe McCarthy, Roy Cohen and such, he wound up half crazy with a gun and huge knife and killing his wife and himself in the back seat of a taxi.

THIS LOW SORDIDNESS and touch of near insanity has shown up before in those who make a decision to rat and stool on their bet-
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~~They~~ hardly need a deep analysis to start to understand this. The Rushmores decide to ~~move~~ over for cash, to what appears to be the respectable side of anti-communism. (We are not here talking of the honest, principled anti-communist liberals, but of the noisy, noisome world of J. Edgar, the Hearst and Scripps Howard headlines, McCarthyism and its variations and dilutions.) They are moving to the side of the easily accepted, the powerful, the commentators, the "official" side. Yet it doesn't work. It is, for all its moneyed hugeness, a facade. The rats who patter to it are the opposite of "respectable," because somewhere in them they forever know the extent of the billion dollar lie, they know the towering moral superiority of people who have the dignity of being for good things, for sanity, brotherhood, a better social order than dog-eat-dog-for-profit.

Because of this amazing contradiction the devils eat these people up inside, make them wilder and wilder and drive them deeper into the murky sewer world from which Rushmore ended his life. Perhaps they would have to have some kind of surgical operation to be at peace, to remove the last sensitive nerve which knows and which remembers the goodness of what they lie about for venal profit, the essential goodness and rightness of devotion to human betterment rather than to the profit motive. No amount of stupidity along the way by progressives can wipe out this great truth (though if uncorrected the stupidities can certainly be hell on their effectiveness).

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JUST BECAUSE there was some of this stupidly mechanical copying from other ~~lax~~ and situations, in my belatedly "wise" opinion, in confusing sell-out rats like Rushmore with honest ideological opponents who left the Communist movement, I think it's necessary to note here that these are two very different things. (Even though the PRESSURES of reaction TEND to push away at those who leave for any reason.) For past illustration, I would mention Earl Browder, in my opinion a man we very unfairly demeaned, one who remained principled. Such a man may or may not be cockeyed wrong, but he's surely the opposite of a Rushmore morally.

Allright, just so that's straight, to conclude our thoughts on Rushmore. . . .

Interesting in his history is the way he left Confidential, that superb exhibition of capitalist anything-for-a-buck morality. "To Confidential's millions of readers I say this," piously wrote Rushmore in a magazine article, "My conscience is clear. I am out. Are you?"

His conscience, of course, was never clear for a moment after 1939 when he betrayed the only decent thing in his wierd life. And even with Confidential, his rodent antennnas were just working well. He was sensing the trend against the mag's excesses and getting on board. He was paid for the article denouncing it.

Finis, Howard Rushmore. We have a great, complex, potentially wonderful country, which contains some pretty rotten sewers. A resident of the sewers died Friday night. He was a king sized rat.

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The following telegram, protesting the nomination of Gen. Hans Spidel to head the NATO land forces in Central Europe, was sent to President Eisenhower on Tuesday.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
 White House
 Washington, D. C.

We World War Two veterans of Daily Worker staff, four of whom proudly served under you in European Theatre, shocked at nomination of Nazi Gen. Hans Spidel to head Central European ground forces of NATO, which includes our own American 7th Army.

Certain we speak for all veterans in stating we most emphatically did not fight for our country against Hitler to have one of Hitler's generals put in command of American boys twelve years later.

We respectfully urge you as Commander-in-Chief to guarantee no American boys serve under Nazi generals.

John Gates
 1st Sgt., 17th Airborne in Germany

Joseph Clark
 Combat infantry platoon Sgt. 100th Division,
 7th Army, France and Germany. Awarded Silver Star

Abner W. Berry
 Cpl 67th Field Artillery Battalion, France and Germany

Herbert Signer
 Cpl, 7th Army Ordnance, France and Germany

William Allen
 30 months South Pacific, 67th Airborne

Lester Rodney
 30 months South Pacific, Sgt. 52nd Combat Field Hospital

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Lester Rodney

ROANOKE, Va.

Editor, Daily Worker

Lester Rodney's "glorious counter-revolution" in Hungary (he calls it revolution!) is bragged about in all the reactionary press and to a certain extent in The Worker.

Rodney defends Peter Fryer of the London Daily Worker for opposing that paper's position in not printing a Horthy fascist interpretation of what occurred in Hungary. Did Fryer ever get as excited in fighting his "own" imperialists when they raped Kenya and Egypt?

Rodney also defends French writer Jean Paul Sartre's Attack on the Soviet Union and his quitting the French Party.

Did Sartre ever get as upset over the slaying of tens of thousands of Arabs by his "own" imperialists?

Contrary to what Rodney says, I have not once read anything in the Worker that would sneer at morality, humanism, etc. However, letter writers have indicated that they would not participate in the "humanism" of fascism, of an Eastland, McCarthy and their ilk. Rodney knows that is true, so why does he twist the facts?

The "cult of the individual" is a vestige of capitalism and it dies hard as a lot of other hangovers from capitalism. Reports from the Soviet Union indicates sweeping changes taking place which will go a long way towards establishing a full socialist democracy.

For the Soviet Union to permit once again a fascist dictatorship to exist at its borders would be a crime not only against itself but against all humanity.

Let us not forget that fascism means war—we do not want it again.—Southern Worker

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4 A VIEW ON HUNGARY

By LIONEL RODNEY

I would like to get into the discussion about Hungary. It is my opinion that the Soviet intervention is indefensible. I know this kind of statement goes against the grain of a good many of our readers who are fine fighters for progress and socialism. I could be dead wrong. But I would like the chance to spell out my reasons, in fact, I urgently feel I must, and if this article is on the long side, well, since I'm on a non-political beat, I don't do this often, and I ask that the views of one who has worked on the Daily Worker for 20 years and believes in socialism as strongly as ever, be at least considered. Here are my reasons:

I do not understand how we can condone in any way the forcible imposition of an unwanted government on a people by the armed forces of another country and still speak to our fellow Americans about each nation's own path to socialism. I have read all the letters and articles with care. I have been impressed by the overriding concern over the rebirth of fascism, a concern we all share, and the need to defend socialism from its enemies. I have not seen any answer whatever to the question posed above. I have not even seen any article or letter ADDRESS itself to this point. Yet what future is there for us if not to advocate American socialism?

FASCISM in Hungary. Those who say the Soviet Union had to do what it did say "Yes, a mistake was made at first, but then it became a question of fascism taking over the country so there was no choice."

Cited in support of this contention are the unquestioned facts of fascist emigres pouring back into Hungary during the fighting, Project X, the role such as Cherne, and lynchings of Communists.

These facts disturb me as they disturb all who hate fascism. Yet there is another body of facts which disturbs me too.

If a counter-revolutionary fascist government was certain to prevail, how is that the most tenaciously fighting mass of workers, at Csepel, included in their conditions for laying down arms elections participated in by all workers which support socialism?

There is another troubling fact. Ranged by Soviet troops in the Parliament, Minister of State János Bibó, a non-Communist member of Nagy's coalition government, declared, "In this situation I state that Hungary has no intention of following an anti-Soviet policy. I reject the slander that fascist or anti-Semitic actions have stained the glorious Hungarian revolution. The entire Hungarian nation participated in it, without class or religious discrimination."

If this seems to blink the atrocities of a fascist and anti-Semitic nature which took place, it still reveals clearly that the people attacked by the Soviet army were committed AGAINST such policies. In a nation with 11 years of socialism behind it, imperfect as that socialism has been, does not such a government have to be conceded a CHANCE to rally the working class and the best people in the land and deal successfully with its own fascists?

But Nagy, it is said, capitulated to reaction. He was in a terrible position and I certainly cannot sit here in New York and defend everything he did or said. But I do know that if he took Hungary out of the Warsaw Pact in the hectic aftermath of the first insensate shooting into a peaceful demonstration for better socialism, he was taking Hungary no further than Tito took Yugoslavia, which is not a member of the Pact though a socialist country.

One must wonder, and with uneasy heartsickness, what kind of "counter-revolutionary" it is where the first Communist widow of the first martyred Rajk must flee to Yugoslav Embassy for safety from the Soviet attack? What Dean Tamae Nagy of the Budapest Karl Marx Institute of Economics, and two editors of the Communist youth paper "Szabad Ifjusag" are arrested as rebels? Where a deposed member of the Nagy cabinet, Anna Kethly, tells New York reporters with horror that she wants no armed forces helping there is enough bloodshed, and is booed by fascists who try to use her when she states that the uprising was not to start another war but to win co-existence with its neighbor.

Every witness from the socialist press I know of, Peter Fryer, of the London Daily

Worker. He holed up in the British Embassy with the other English scribes when the Soviet attack came, and when he got out, cabled a story which the London Worker, an all out defender of the Soviet position, refused to print. Fryer then resigned from the paper, while remaining in the CP.

Every member of the Hungarian Olympic team, these splendid athletes of a new social order, declared for the Nagy government.

I am afraid I no longer have confidence in the ability of the Soviet leaders to decide when a nation is fascist or going fascist. Eight years ago we were told that Yugoslavia was fascist—because it determinedly took a national road to socialism, and rejected an inferior status.

I BELIEVE it is clear to all, no matter which "side" of the argument they take, that virtually the entire Hungarian people was united against the intervention. It seems that this fact, instead of forcing some readers to painfully re-think their first conclusions, instead pushed them to the conclusion that virtually the entire Hungarian nation consists of fascists! We get this in questions challenging "Is it or is it not true that Hitler had a mass base?" Are these readers then willing to say that the same kind of people result from years of Hitler's fascist, anti-human, racist rule, and from the Hungarian socialist regime of the past 11 years? I guarantee you I take second place to nobody as a critic of Rakosi and Gero, yet I am not willing to say such a thing.

Something else that bothers me greatly in the arguments of Eugene Dennis, James Allen and others is this: What happens to the class struggle, the role of the working class of a country against its own enemies, if one derogates to the Soviet Union the right to bar fascism, defend socialism, change governments, in other countries? Regardless, mind you, of whether the working class of a given country WANTS the intervention. It is only their country after all. Picture if you will the reaction of a Hungarian worker to the statement by a Daily Worker reader the other day "I for one don't want the Soviet troops withdrawn."

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ANALOGY WITH SPAIN

This has been brought up in several letters and articles by supporters of the Soviet action. But isn't it a bit upside down? In Spain the "rebels" had the assistance of Hitler and Mussolini's troops against a government supported by a majority of the population. In Hungary the "rebels" are the majority of the population fighting for the government of their choice, the Nagy government, against a Hungarian minority and outside troops. (No, I am decidedly not equating the Hitler-Mussolini fascist intervention with Soviet intervention. I know the motives are entirely different, one for fascism, the other against fascism).

More important—how do those who make the analogy with

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explain the fact that around the world there was world wide unity of all anti-fascist, progressive forces, Communist and non-Communist, with the best people of each country rallying to the Loyalist cause, while today it is tragically exactly the opposite, with the non-Communist progressives of the world sharply rupturing all relations with defenders of the Soviet action. Can this fail to be the cause for sober analysis by Communists?

A QUESTION of fascism? Certainly the elements of fascism were in the Hungarian situation. How do you fight fascism? By winning unity with all democratic people who oppose fascism, and thus isolating and smothering fascism. But the line in Hungary acted to make a whole country a base for the fascists to work in! Take the vital question of friendship with the Soviet Union, the first country of socialism and world force for peace. Gomulka in Poland OPPOSED Soviet pressure against independence, based himself on the Polish workers and put the party at the head of those demands for reform. He is decidedly in a position now to fight for a line of friendship with the Soviet Union. But alas, in Hungary, no matter what the splendid intentions of the Kadar government, it will be a long, long time before it can even fight for a line of friendship with the Soviet Union.

THE underlying fault here. This is difficult to express, because I agree that this discussion should be sharp in content but fraternal in form, and I don't want to appear to be making any sweeping denunciations of those I disagree with. Yet I feel this is the nub of the matter and I don't know how not to say it. . . . It is my opinion that a wrong relationship to the Soviet Union is still in operation among many who heatedly reject any criticism of the Soviet actions.

For many years the automatic and proper response to anything controversial dealing with the USSR was "defend the Soviet Union," that beleaguered island of socialism in a hostile world. But this is a long outdated situation and necessity.

Socialism to us meant the Soviet Union. It meant the CPSU. It meant the leadership of the CPSU. Since they WERE socialism, they could do no wrong because whatever they did was in the interests of socialism.

Ah, but it turns out now that leaders of the CPSU did terrible, terrible harm to the interests of

socialism. And there are other corners of socialism in a changing world. Socialism is bigger than any country, any party, any leaders. They can become distorted, corrupted, lose their bearings, but socialism remains. Believing this, one avoids the twin dangers of being seen as a Russian apologist, and losing one's faith in socialism.

Up to the events in Hungary there was much talk here of a Marxist maturity, independence of judgment and reservation of the fraternal right of criticism. But there was no actual TEST of this new independence until now. It was, as others in Speak Your Piece have aptly pointed out, easy to be critical of past Soviet errors because you were in step with the Soviet leadership in doing so. So too it was easy to be retroactively wise about the pact of 1939 with the Nazis and say how differently we as American Marxists, should have acted, because that is safely past. But it seems that, when a situation comes up which requires disagreement with the present leadership of the Soviet Union, we can't get off the habit.

Will these wrong relations with the Soviet Union, which crashed us into disaster time after time when we were on the right path, be permitted to deal us the final fatal thrust into total and permanent isolation as "Russian apologists"?

JUST suppose—Now when the students of Czechoslovakia demonstrate again, as they certainly will, for the democratizing of socialism in their land, will we unthinkingly oppose these students and be in favor of putting them down sternly because any unrest will carry the danger of fascism, there will be suspicions of Project X at work, etc., etc? But shouldn't a true and thoughtful, international socialist solidarity be with these fighters to make socialism what it should be, against the old line Stalinists who sit on the Stansky-Clementis frameup and brandish the "Iron Curtain"?

The thought inevitably occurs—why, if we are thinking, independent American Marxists, do we have to wait until something like that happens then join the Czech leaders themselves in admitting, yes, they made a mistake and it led to the bad, touch-and-go situation with its danger to socialism. Why not NOW give our modest fraternal opinion that the Czech leaders are storing up trouble for socialism?

A NON-PROVOKING line. Is it not thought-provoking that those who oppose the Daily Worker's editorials on Hungary not go to any Americans outside of the Communist Party with their line? What kind of a line can this be?

No, I do not believe this is an opportunistic, popularity-contest attempt to weigh the merits of a line. Did we not speak out boldly to our fellow Americans against the Korean War, a line which was initially unpopular, but which we knew to be RIGHT and which the American people finally did overwhelmingly vote for?

GOOD FOR socialism? The main difference expressed by Eugene Dennis and others like James Allen with the "Daily" editorial was its statement that the intervention was harmful for socialism. They think otherwise, that it helped socialism.

Helped socialism? In every country in the world good relations with the finest elements are being shattered. Jean Paul Sartre must condemn the Soviet action "entirely and with no reservations," and break relations with the French Communists. So do other non-party progressives like Simone de Beauvoir (and leading party writers like Claude Roy, Roger Vailland, J. F. Rolland).

In England even that noble friend of the Soviet Union, the Dean of Canterbury, must speak against the Soviet action. Hugh Gaitskill, leader of the Labor Party, at a moment when he is playing a splendid historic role against imperialism, is thrown into union with the imperialists in condemning the Soviet action. (Leading British Communist trade union leaders resign from the party because it supports the intervention). In every non-socialist country in the world the Communist Parties are isolated as never before in their history. The moral prestige of the world's first socialist country receives a staggering blow, including in Asia.

Whatever else one may wish to argue about the intervention in Hungary, this is harmful, not helpful, to socialism.

"MORALITY"—I believe it is no accident that cropping up in letters defending the Soviet action are sneers at the words "morality," "humanism" and "general, abstract ideas of justice, democracy, right and wrong. . . ." Is this felt necessary because the world sees the actor as violating these good words? There is also what seems to me a bloodless facility in granting that the Soviet intervention was a "mistake," and moving on to the

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next point There is little sorrow or horror, though in other circumstances we have all been horrified at the killing of unarmed demonstrators for social betterment.

I have heard in an argument the expression, "Well, sometimes you have to do something for people's own good whether they like it or not." I believe this could only come from someone who has had little real contact with people. Imagine what would happen to someone in a shop if he told his fellow workers something had to be done for their own good whether they liked it or not.

I believe this academic toughness is not Marxist at all, but another example of automatic transference of another country's totally different situation and necessities in an entirely different historical context. Certainly it is not what attracted me, and I dare say many others, to the scientific socialist movement in the '30s when we wanted to fight against the immoral, anti-humanist, unjust works of capitalism in our land.

A letter by a historian I respect urges that this is a moment for "tentativeness." I believe this is profoundly wrong. I believe right now, on this issue, is the moment to rescue the fine heritage of the movement and make meaningful its future role by wrenching free once and for all from the disastrous and unnecessary wrong relationships with the Soviet Union. I believe it is high time to call an indefensible act indefensible and that this will help, not harm, socialism here and everywhere. I believe that then, paradoxically, for the first time we will be in firm position to speak about the historic accomplishments of the Soviet Union.

So long as we permit the type of fascist-minded crowd as picketed Pythian Temple to be the "defenders" of Hungary, we are abdicating.

I believe history, and soon, will show that the Daily Worker's principled and yes, correct class position, helped save the honorable future of the American Marxist left.

on the SCOREBOARD

by **lester rodney**

EN ROUTE TO CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY.—London by Mail.—One day passing through in travel is just a tantalizing whiff of a city like London, and I made up my mind before I got here that I would resolutely resist making any sweeping generalizations or coming to any "profound" conclusions, but would just try to offer "one day impressions" for what they are worth.

Luckily even for the impressions, on my late evening arrival I stayed overnight in a working class area way out from the center of town.

Being way out had the added merit of affording a one hour ride on two buses to get into town for our first target, a fraternal visit to the British Daily Worker, which like our own is affectionately called "the Daily" by long time readers.

"The Daily" is quite a paper in London town. When I got off the second bus as directed—after a rambling sightseeing trip from a top deck like our cruelly discarded Fifth Avenue double deckers—I saw no sign on the street for a half block or so, and asked someone walking in the same direction "Pardon me, is this Farringdon Road?" The gentleman nodded a polite yes and asked could he be of further assistance, what on Farringdon did I want? Number 75, I said, and then added, "The Daily Worker."

"Oh," said the man cheerily, "The Daily Worker. Just fall in with me, I work right around the corner from it. . . . Not that you could miss it," he added, "It's a fine, big building with a proper sign."

As we walked he smiled, "Farringdon Road or Farringdon Street, I never did know which it was." We came to the building. "There you are," he said, "It would interest you to know it was one of the first buildings in this area to be repaired after the bombings."

(It was so pleasant to ask someone where the Daily Worker was and get an immediate, knowledgeable reply, that later in the afternoon, I must confess, after walking some distance away, when I might have found it again myself, I indulged the luxury of asking another man, this one a worker taking some lumber off a truck. "Oh, the Daily Worker," he said cheerfully like the first, "It's on Farringdon, turn right next corner, left after two and go on a bit. You can't miss it, a fine building.")

A FINE BUILDING indeed, as I backed off across the street to view the six-story high structure with its glass front and huge red block letters across the middle "DAILY WORKER." In the front showcase the day's paper was spread out page by page. In another was a group of original Gabriel cartoons and a picture of the artist at work with the caption "The famed cartoonist Gabriel at work." It seemed to me that nobody passed by without stopping for a look.

A smaller sign on the front floor level bears the slogan "Make the Daily Worker the Daily Paper of the Left Wing." As you go in and enter the reception room, there is a large plaque on the wall, with an official award, the Daily Worker, chosen jointly with the Times as the best designed daily and Sunday newspaper in Britain for the year 1954.

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Since our great passport lockup has made an American visitor from the left a great rarity, I was greeted with cordial interest, and with more than one chuckling remark like "Oh, you got out, did you? Good for you." They all wanted to know when the beloved Paul Robeson could come, saying his fight for the right to travel was known throughout the land.

Mick Downing, the young, vigorous sports editor, was hard at work planning the layout for the next day's sports news, which comprises about one-fourth of the paper's total space. "Can't be cut down," he huffed, "It's a law."

Sitting nearby was the famed Cayton, acknowledged as far and away the top English expert on racing. He can hardly board or get off a bus, they tell me, without being recognized and someone asking, "You got a good horse for today, Cayton?" In competition last year with the big London papers, he far outdid the picking records of all of them.

As you may have read recently in John Williamson's Letter from London, the British "Daily" has a circulation of 83,000 daily and 110,000 Sunday, with at least 10 percent of the circulation directly into the hands of factory workers, which figure does not include workers who buy it at newsstands or get it by mail. It aims to be a complete paper in direct competition with the other dailies, within its more limited means, giving the whole family all the news and "sundries." British workers do not buy two papers a day.

A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT in British sports, which were quite weak in the aftermath of the war, has been the exciting give and take competition with the socialist countries, making the term "Iron Curtain" silly to the British sports fan, and the average Briton is a sports fan, stressed staffer Leon Griffiths. There is tremendous fan interest in the visits of the Soviet track and football teams, the Czech track stars and the Hungarians' fabulous football and track stars.

"We had never seen football played the way the Hungarians played it beating us 6-3 here," I was told. "People of course came out to see our team win, but they were cheering the Hungarian brilliance as fans."

Such interchange with the vibrant athletes of the eastern countries has helped pick up the English standard again, and this is generally recognized. However, serious discussion on what had happened for an English football team to be outclassed at its famed game on its own soil could only end with the realization that a structure based on commercial gate appeal and quick success could not cope with one of real amateurism—i.e., full mass participation and topnotch coaching, training and equipment all up and down the line. Which is quite a realization. The average Briton, to repeat an ardent sports fan, has to figure that socialism is very good for sports.

It was with a sense of fraternal pride (one Daily Worker in another) that I left the building holding as a gift from publicity director and artist Ken Sprague "The Story of the Daily Worker," a book by the late William Rust, its first editor.

I'll have to inflict those threatened "one day impressions" of London on you in another en-route column, since I did want to get in the Daily Worker visit.

LESTER WINGS TO EUROPE

By **LESTER RODNEY**

EN ROUTE to Cortina D'Ampezzo, From London by Mail.

The big plane started an hour and a half late, ran into bumpy weather, put down for refueling at a howling lonely airport in Labrador and got to London seven hours behind schedule, but I find it hard to complain. It is very exciting to go to Europe, especially with a passport in your pocket which represents something meaningful in the fight for democratic sanity in your land.

Three and a half years ago I didn't get a passport to cover the Olympics in Finland, now here I am with a passport for the Olympics in Italy, winging through the skies. And especially again when I had never seen Europe, having gone the "other way" to the Pacific during the war, and having begun to wonder if I would ever see the old continent.

In the World Telegram & Sun, as I browsed through it I noted two little items I wouldn't have stopped at yesterday. One was "Subway Fare Up in London," a two sentence story about the fare being raised to match the raise in the bus fare, and the other, "London Gets First Snow." The place I am going to is already coming into focus, and I look at my watch and mentally and five hours to get the right time where I will be tomorrow.

There are a fair handful of soldiers in the plane. A young one from South Carolina is sitting next to me, heading back to his station near London after a holiday furlough home. How does he like it?

"Well," he says in his slow drawl, "It's OK. I get along. The people, they don't like the Yanks much . . . they call all Americans Yanks," he hastily interjected. "But there ain't many of them you can't get along with if you try, I mean." . . .

He showed me his English money, denomination by denomination and when I kept asking how much each represented in American money, he said, "Now the thing about this money, I made the same mistake as you. Forget about how much it is in American money, just start taking it for itself and learn how to make change in IT, that's the trick."

This evidently was at least one of our young "ambassadors" who leaned toward the notion that England belonged to the English.

AFTER SUPPER, which just about went down in the bumpy going, I pulled out my copy of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn's new autobiography, and read the first few chapters by the little pin pointed lights from the side of the plane. It is some book, just what you would expect from Elizabeth. The early years of her life came alive in her simple yet rich narrative. Then I looked out and see the blinking red light on the wings of the plane and realized I was flying over the ocean high above the clouds. Man can soar from country to country, yet back there in Alderson, W. Va., tonight the great woman who wrote this book, the salt of our country's earth, is shut in, confined for three years. This book ought to get around!

The plane lands at Goose Bay for refueling. There is piled snow all around and a building. This is way up north, higher than Newfoundland. London, as a look at the map, will show, is up about as high as Labrador. It is 1 a.m. and cold outside. Those who want to can leave the plane and go to the terminal during the one hour refueling.

About one fourth of the passengers decide to go, including me. The number rises to one half when it is announced that hot drinks and cookies can be had inside. We crunch over the snow to the lighted building, standing all by itself. A walk in Canada. It is a wild, lonely place. We are greeted cheerfully in French accent by several terminal workers.

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Inside, the passengers have their tea or chocolate, relax and chat. There is a feeling of near intimacy among the plane passengers. Chats begin all over, sans introductions.

As luck would have it, I bumped into a Vermonter who is an avid follower of winter sports. He straightened me out on Andrew Mead Lawrence, the Green Mountain champ whom he first saw compete in a little place called Pico's Peak, Vt., 10 years ago as a pig-tailed girl of 13 racing through the tricky downhill slalom. Three years later at the Olympics she fell through nervousness. But four years ago at Oslo she brought the Star Spangled Banner in first, winning the slalom in record time and then winning the giant slalom too. Now a veteran of 23, with three children, she is in her third Olympics. Vermont is quite proud of her.

Up on Olympic tryout news, this man gave me the following information from various pre-Olympic meets: In Switzerland, Austria's powerful men downhill skiers looked good enough to win their events. There is a lot of tradition in Central and northern Europe in these events, he said, and Americans can't catch up so easily. He mentioned a theory you hear sometimes, that Europeans are inclined to have more stamina for longer events than Americans because they ride less and use their legs more.

Sensation of the first test of Cortina's ski jump setup was young Harry Glass of East Germany (on the combined All-German team). Glass became one of the early favorites in the event with jumps of 259 and 250 feet. Max Elkhart, of West Germany finished a good second. In still another meet, Jean Meret of France won the gruelling cross country event. A Pole whose name he didn't recall won the Nordic Combined, a test of manifold ski skills.

The Vermonter reckoned the Russians a big threat in speed skating, cross country skiing, and a 1-2 finisher in the ice hockey torney.

"It will be a very exciting Winter Olympics," he enthused. "Nobody is sure just how to figure form in this one. It's a case of anything can happen, there are so many new factors."

When we got back to the plane still chatting sports, a stewardess told us that Paul Anderson, the 350 pound American weight-lift champ, had to be given two seats on one of the planes. "We just took the middle bar down and said sit down, big boy, it's all yours."

THE PLANE took off with everybody sleeping or trying to sleep in the darkened cabin. We were now heading due east, to meet the rising sun. Somewhere near morning I awoke to view a fantastic scene out the little window. Straight ahead of us the entire horizon was coming aflame with the rising sun. Below us was a serried sea of white clouds, edges and tips lit up by the flaming golden orange red. "Isn't that simply beautiful?" an entranced elderly woman across the aisles whispered and I was glad I wasn't the only one up to see such a sight. For the next half hour there were a series of different tableaux as the lighting and cloud formations changed. Each was perfect as any flake of snow is perfect when viewed through a magnifying glass.

Then it was fasten seat belts, we are approaching London . . . the sudden detail of old life and streets and bridges rushing up to meet us, the Thames, cars on the left, stateliness, narrowness, bustle and poise intermingled in an overwhelming of the senses. The plane landed, the door opened. Wretchedly inexperienced traveller that I am, I was trapped with my toilet articles in my luggage, or rather Joe Clark's luggage. Bearded and wrinkled, I pushed my watch firmly ahead from 11.45 New York time to 3:45 p.m., and stepped down into the London late afternoon. . . .

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**Lester Rodney
On Way to Italy**

Lester Rodney, sports editor of the Daily Worker and The Worker, left yesterday via Pan American Airways for Italy. He is en route to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, where he will cover the Winter Olympics being held Jan. 25 through Feb. 5.

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ONE MAN SAYS • By Robert M. ~~Grady~~

Hey Ruthie, Your Kitchen Is Calling!

I don't agree with the Passport Division's decision to bar Lester Rodney, sports editor of the Daily Worker, from covering the Olympic Games at Helsinki.

As a matter of fact, I fell out of love with Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley, the boss of this branch of the State Department, a long time ago when she looked down her silly nose and said to Brooklyn's Rev. J. Henry Carpenter a passport ain't for you. Such heights of fallacious thinking fail to escape the acid test of even my alleged mind, which was never officially developed beyond the high school stage. Ruthie leaves me as limp as a dead fish and, as a protector of American ideals, I would rather trust the nation to the Senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy.

Now it happens that I read Mr. Rodney's sheet as a means of keeping acquainted with the lunatic fringe. And, while I wouldn't desecrate my household garbage by wrapping the same in it, I do feel that as a newspaperman it is important for me to know what the jerk



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fringe of American society is doing.

Maybe it is more than a vague suspicion that Lester boy is a commie. But it is also true that a republic like ours has to put up with annoyances because of our belief in free speech. And some of the annoyances are as helpful as a barometer. If the thing says a hurricane instead of a shrimp boat is coming, we can take appropriate steps to avoid a major disaster.

But Lester is something less than a hurricane. He is about as much of a threat to America as a single ant is to a family picnic. And his paper is no more significant than the fall of an overripe apple from a beat-up old tree on the verge of collapse.

Much could be gained by sending Lester to Helsinki. Maybe en route he would pause in London's Hyde Park and become so enamored of the acoustics that he would exchange his American typewriter for a British soapbox.

But what peeves me the most is that I will be deprived of reading his "unbiased" comments about the Russian athletes, whom I suspect will discover that a stopwatch recognizes no special allegiance to the Politburo.

Certainly if anything that Lester writes can hurt the U. S. A. we are in a bad way, and it is too late for herpicide.

Once in a moment of utter disgust I said that the Daily Worker should be banned, but the opinion wasn't too well considered. Death should come to it under its own momentum, and modern plumbing should be able to do a good job with the remains without the benefit of prayer. A Texas millionaire once tried to keep a bum show alive, but even he ran out of oil wells and the thing fell flat on its face.

So, to Mrs. Shipley, I say you should ought to disappear from public life, where you can accent the unimportant without parading your nonsense in the newspapers. The thing to remember is that when a Commie is caught with blueprints for the overthrow of the United States Government even the Dean of Acheson should get excited. But Lester only wants to write about foot races and stuff in a sheet that is as devoid of significance as the popping of a kid's cap pistol. Bake a pie or something, or do up a mess of watermelon pickle, but by all means stay away from passports. Goodbye now.

DR. PAULING GETS PASSPORT; FIGHT FOR RODNEY'S GROWS

As pressure mounted against the arbitrary denials of passports to many Americans, the State Department late Tuesday was finally forced to reverse itself on one of its astounding rulings. Dr. Linus C. Pauling, one of the nation's outstanding chemists, was granted a passport to England and France.

Dr. Pauling, head of the division of chemistry and chemical engineering at California Institute of Technology, had been previously denied a passport on the usual spurious grounds that it was

"against the interests of the U. S."

A condition of the granting of Dr. Pauling's passport now was that he sign an affidavit that he is not now and never has been a Communist.

The backtracking by the State Department was seen as a significant sign that mounting pressure against the outrageous passport policies could force victories for freedom of travel.

On another passport front, the

New York Post yesterday added its editorial voice to those condemning the State Department for its denial of a passport to Daily Worker sports editor Lester Rodney. In an editorial entitled "The Olympic Booby Prize," the Post called the denial of Rodney's right to cover the Olympic Games a "gesture of idiocy," and recalled that "only last week Federal Judge Keech sharply rebuked the passport unit for refusing to concede that its decisions are not above

the law."

"But the ban on the Daily Worker's sports columnist," the Post continued, "may accomplish what more serious protests have failed to achieve."

As always when speaking out on the question of elementary democracy where progressives are concerned, the Post editorial writer felt compelled to indulge in elaborate, juvenile red-baiting about the nature of the Daily Worker's reports from the Olympics.

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Washington Post Assails Rodney Passport Denial

The Washington Post, in an editorial Monday entitled "Another Inanity," ridiculed the State Department's denial of an Olympic passport to Daily Worker sports editor Lester Rodney, and called it a shadow on the Bill of Rights and freedom of the press.

"In the peculiarly arbitrary way in which it customarily handles such matters," the Post said, "it has denied a passport to Lester Rodney, the Daily Work-

er's sports editor, to go abroad to cover the Olympic Games. The denial seems the more inane since it is hard to discover in it the slightest connection with national security."

(The Post claims that the denial "serves the Daily Worker's interests better than the granting of one." We suggest that the Post exert pressure on Mrs. Shipley to give us the passport tomorrow).

"Unfortunately," the editorial

continues, "the denial does not, to use the State Department's gobbledygook, serve the interests of the United States. It tends, indeed, to make the U. S. look rather ridiculous—as though this country stood in fear of what the Daily Worker's sports editor might scribble about some athletic contests abroad. And it tends, too, to put a shadow on the first amendment's brave, and distinctively American, guarantee of freedom of the press."

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PURGE BY PASSPORT

YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON POST asks sarcastically why the Passport Division of the State Department is "in fear" of what Lester Rodney would write about the Helsinki Olympics.

This is only the latest expression of doubt about the Passport Purge which is being waged by the State Department against all Americans whose views don't pass the Czarist-style "security" test applied by Mrs. Shipley of that division.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has noted that in these Passport Purges, the State Department bureaucrats are "judge, witness, prosecutor and jury." Senator Wayne Morse has made the same point on the floor of the Senate.

Only yesterday, the famous Italian novelist, Alberto Moravia, whose books have been banned by the Vatican, was refused entry to the U.S.A. on the basis of a 1918 law that nobody knows anything about. Washington has the world's biggest Iron Curtain.

Close to one hundred leading Americans, from Dr. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Howard Fast, Corliss Lamont, to Dr. Linus Pauling, have been arbitrarily refused the right to travel on peaceful pursuits.

A Washington Federal Court ruled recently that the revocation of correspondent Anne Bauer's passport was illegal.

No advocate of "preventive war" or of throwing the A-bomb has ever been denied a passport. Only advocates of peace seem to get hit. This paper's fight for Lester Rodney's right to cover a sports event has just begun. If they can do this to Rodney, where is the American who can say that he still lives under America's Constitution any more?

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Another Inanity

With an inanity that seems to have become habitual in connection with passports, the State Department has now given the *Daily Worker*, the Communist Party's "news-paper," a convenient pretext for subjecting American institutions to the world's derision. In the peculiarly arbitrary way in which it customarily handles such matters, it has denied a passport to Lester Rodney, the *Daily Worker's* sports editor, to go abroad to cover the Olympic games. The denial seems the more inane since it is hard to discover in it the slightest connection with national security.

It will make very little difference to the *Daily Worker* or to its readers, we presume, if Mr. Rodney writes about the Olympic games from Helsinki or from the comforts, such as they are, of his office on East 12th Street, New York; his point of view will probably be much the same in either case. We fancy, moreover, that the *Daily Worker* is glad to be spared the expenses of his trip, subscribers being at something of a premium these days; and anyway, the denial of a passport serves its interests better than the granting of one.

Unfortunately, the denial does not, to use the State Department's gobbledygook, serve the interests of the United States. It tends, indeed, to make the United States look rather ridiculous—as though this country stood in fear of what the *Daily Worker's* sports editor might scribble about some athletic contests abroad. And it tends, too, to put a shadow on the first amendment's brave, and distinctively American, guarantee of freedom of the press.

It is for the sake of the values expressed in the first amendment that Americans wisely tolerate the publication of the *Daily Worker* and all its daily nonsense in New York. It is for the sake of those values that its sports writers should be left free to write their particular nonsense without infringement. The Bill of Rights is too important to be tampered with for so trivial a cause.

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TEXT OF WIRE ON DENIAL OF PASSPORT TO OLYMPICS

In answer to the State Department wire reading "Passport refused on ground your travel abroad is contrary interest of United States. Specific basis is your admission that you are a Communist", sports editor Lester Rodney on Friday sent the following telegram to Mrs. Ruth Shipley, passport chief:

Shocked at denial of passport. My covering the Olympic Games for my newspaper is not contrary to any interest of the United States. Freedom of press is very much in interest of United States. Your statement "specific basis is your admission that you are a Communist" is blatant falsehood. When you asked me if I was a Communist I replied my politics was not your concern and was not the issue involved. Are you aware of ruling of Federal Court on July 10 in case of Alice Bauer which stated "personal liberty to go abroad is particularly important to an individual whose livelihood is dependant upon the right to travel." This is exactly relevant since my livelihood as sports writer depends on my liberty as American to go abroad cover Olympic Games. Intend to let whole country and entire world know of this shocking denial. Insist you change duling on basis of above facts grant my passport at once.
... Lester Rodney, Sports Editor, N.Y. Daily Worker.

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Passport Evasion by State Dep't Assailed

The Daily Worker yesterday sent the following telegram to Mrs. Ruth Shipley, head of the State Department's Passport Division: "Must know immediately where we stand on passport for sports editor Les- for the flight to Helsinki scheduled to cover Olympic Games. Press reports you say matter still open. Must have passport at once or your delay becomes tantamount to crude denial elementary right or press freedom. Insist on reply today."

The wire was sent late in the afternoon and no reply had been received as this issue went to press.

Another wire went to Secretary of State Dean Acheson apprising him of the telegram to Mrs. Shipley and asking him to intercede.

In another development, Editor and Publisher, the influential trade publications, phoned Rodney for the facts and said it would run a factual news story of the denial in its issues which went to press last night.

Pan American Airlines extended to 4:30 p.m. Friday the time Rodney had to cancel his reservation.

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Our Sports Editor Fights McCarran Ban on Passport

By **LESTER RODNEY**

It seems a sports writer in this country of ours has to have political views acceptable to Mrs. Ruth Shipley of the State Department's Passport Division or he is not qualified to report the Olympics, the biggest sports event of the year for his newspaper. This

writer, who has been covering sports for 15 years and has official press accreditation from the U. S. Olympic Committee, housing reservations in Helsinki and plane tickets for July 12, called Mrs. Shipley in Washington yesterday afternoon to ask once again where his passport was.

My application went in on June 9. Two weeks is the usual waiting period.

"Are you a Communist?" was the question asked me over the phone. I told Mrs. Shipley my political views were not her concern and wanted to know what they had to do with my right as an American sports writer to cover a sports

event for the newspaper which employs me.

"If I'm safe in assuming that as sports editor of the Daily Worker you are a Communist—are you?" she went on, continuing the amazing political grilling.

It was impossible to get beyond this point with her. She insisted that this was the "spirit" of the McCarran Act.

In the new lunatic world of the administration, I will be a clear and present danger if I write from Helsinki that someone outran someone else by five yards in the 800-meter event, that they shook hands afterward and the crowd cheered, that someone else showed great

form in winning the high dive. . .

Unless you agree with the State Department's inevitable war line—and that's the nub of the matter, not only whether you are one of relatively few Communist Party members—you are not capable of reporting a sports event in which men and women from 70 countries, with all kinds of political organization and economic structures, are competing in friendship.

This is going to make our country look just great to the rest of the world.

They need not get away with this infamous blow to freedom of the press, even at this late hour, if

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there is a quick and strong enough storm of protest. Mrs. Shipley and the Passport Division of the State Department are not the United States of America.

Wire and phone the President and the State Department today.

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Sports Editor Asks Truman Intercede In Passport Stall

President Truman was urged yesterday to intercede with the State Department and ask them, in the spirit of American participation of the Olympics and full press coverage to issue a passport to Daily Worker sports editor Lester Rodney. A telegram by Rodney to the White House apprised the President of the fact that the U. S. Olympic Committee had issued press credentials to him, but that the State Department's passport division had written it was "unable to state now when or if passport will be issued."

Other wires went to Avery Brundage, president of the U. S. Olympic Committee; Carroll Binder, editor, Minneapolis Tribune and U. S. representative to the UN on press; the heads of the CIO Newspaper Guild, national and local, and the International Organization of Journalists at Prague, Czechoslovakia.

A cable had previously gone out to Erik Von Frenckell, Finnish president of the Olympic Games. It read: "Have received press credentials through U. S. Olympic Committee, completed travel and housing arrangements to cover Olympic Games for NY Daily Worker. Scheduled leave July 12. U. S. State Department now advises unable to state when or if passport will be issued. In spirit of Olympics and interests of fullest possible coverage, urge you use your friendly offices requesting State Dept. issue my passport without further delay... Lester

Rodney, Sports Editor, N. Y. Daily Worker."

New York newspapers and the major wire services were also informed yesterday through press release of the attempted denial of the right of a sports writer to cover a sports event.

Rodney is scheduled to phone the Passport Division of the State Division this afternoon. He was told last Thursday by an assistant

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to Mrs. Shipley, passport chief that "Wednesday would be a good guess" as to when they would know whether the passport would be forthcoming.

If the passport is not received within the next several days, plane tickets will have to be turned back to avoid forfeiture of the considerable amount already outlaid.

Rodney's passport application went in June 9. The usual period of waiting is two weeks. While the State Department has not to date flatly denied that the passport would be forthcoming, any further delay will accomplish the same end of preventing the Daily Worker from exercising its right to cover the Olympic Games.

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CHARGES PASSPORT DELAY

Red Editor Says U. S. Seeks to Keep Him From Olympic Games

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Lester Rodney, sports editor of The Daily Worker, charged in a story yesterday in that newspaper that the State Department was attempting to keep him from covering the Olympic Games in Finland by holding up his passport.

Mr. Rodney said he had received press credentials from the United States Olympic Committee and he had applied for his passport on June 9. He maintained that the Passport Division had been "stalling" since then and that his planned departure next Saturday was endangered by the delay. In response to his inquiries, Mr. Rodney said, the State Department telegraphed him that it was "awaiting necessary clearance of your passport application."

In recent weeks The Daily Worker has carried on a campaign to raise money from subscribers and readers to send Mr. Rodney to the games. He expressed concern that these funds, advanced for plane fare, housing and other expenses, would be forfeited.

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Editor, Daily Worker:

Everyone who reads this will nod and say, "That's just the way I felt about it, it was terrific." But let's get it into print. Everything that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn writes is worth reading, but her column last week entitled, "In Back of Foley Square" was something that shouldn't pass without special notice.

In her clear eloquent American, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn wrote about a street scene in New York and about capitalism and socialism. It was a column you urgently wanted as many workers as possible to read. It was angry yet calm, penetrating and convincing. There isn't anybody who couldn't understand it from first word to last. It will make any honest person think. (I felt impelled to send it to a few former army buddies with whom I used to chew the fat.)

Certainly we can all learn plenty from this kind of writing. And we ought to. Here, in the most "popular" style, unencumbered by any sectarian cliches and taking no prior knowledge for granted, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn has written a basic educational piece about the great issues of our day.

Some people, they say, can travel three times around the world and see nothing. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn can walk one block from the marble edifices of capitalist "justice" and see everything—and then tell it to others! She's been doing just that for a long time, which of course is why she is today on "trial" by the frightened stooges of big money.

She is a great American.

—LESTER RODNEY.

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On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

Conversation a la Headlines

"WELL, GIVE ME some of that Communist propaganda about Czechoslovakia," a certain sports writer is going to ask me when next we meet.

"Why don't you read the Daily Worker?" I'll say.

"It isn't fat enough and I don't like the sports section," he'll answer, and then we'll talk about Czechoslovakia.

This is a routine that's been going on for some time. And because he is a sports writer and this is my allotted space, perhaps I can give you an idea of our conversations here today without having my sports writing license revoked.

For instance, on the Gerson seating. (By the way, he's pretty sure to read this, so there's your guarantee of its accuracy. I have to face him after this).

"I see where to be a legal party according to the election laws you have to have 50,000 votes in the State," he says, "Now mind you I'm not saying it's morally right to keep your guy out, but what about that law? Can't you guys get 50,000 votes?"

I tell him that the election law just refers to getting parties on the official ballot, and has nothing to do with the City Charter provision for a Council vacancy to be filled by the same Party. That's the legal part. Then I tell him what the other papers always carefully ignore—(there's always something that the other papers ignore)—that the Communists can and DID get lots more than 50,000 votes in New York State—Ben Davis got 100,000 and Bob Thompson 87,000—but the law happens to specify that the 50,000 be rolled up FOR GOVERNOR and the CP withdrew its gubernatorial candidate in the interests of what was still left of the New Deal coalition

"Can't Get 50,000!"

THIS I TELL HIM, is a nasty little piece of dishonesty by the press, dishonesty by omission—they always say it as though the CP "failed to get" 50,000 votes in the State. He says maybe nobody knows that fact, maybe you guys don't even publicize it enough . . . everybody isn't dishonest who thinks it. No, I agree, just the newspapers, which know better.

Then this.

"I read one of your people was arrested for deportation. Now don't get me wrong. But how come she's here so long and doesn't want to be a citizen?"

"Because she does, that's why. Because she applied but they never answered because she's not a Republican or Democrat, that's why. And you never read that in the paper. That's not news."

Or Greece. The day the Free Government was formed.

"Now aren't the Russians throwing their weight around, trying to put up a satellite government?"

"What have the Russians got to do with it?" I ask.

"Well," he says, "Don't get technical. Not the Russians maybe, but Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania are supporting these guerrillas, aren't they?"

"Do you read Homer Bigart's articles in the Herald Tribune?" I asked.

"Oho. I thought the papers all lied on these deals."

"They do. But sometimes the truth will casually come along from a good reporter and slip through, more often in the Tribune than in the Times. I must say."

"What's Bigart say?"

"Just that not a single dead or captured guerrilla in the whole of Greece has been saying but a Greek. That the Slav horde

"Mmmm, Well, what about the first loyalties of the Greek reds and the Chinese reds and all the reds being to Russia?"

"What do you mean? They're bought? With money?"

"I don't know. I'm just asking. I just know what I read."

"Do you think Russia has enough dough to make people leave their homes and families and go into the hills of Greece to fight and die—or to keep the Chinese fighting for year after year—or to buy and find ways of paying a couple of million Italians who also believe in socialism as a form of Government?"

"Mmmmm. . . ."

(When he says "mmmm" that way I usually go into a five minute monologue because I'm getting wound up and a little hot with him, which I shouldn't.)

EVERYBODY'S Russian!

"THAT'S THE WHOLE giant hoax in the world today," I tell him. "That all people who are left of our government are Russian agents, and that means Russia is expanding. I'll tell you who's in Greece. General Van Fleet and American officers, doing everything for a lousy king but pull the trigger. There isn't a Russian soldier in Greece. None belong there. There isn't a Russian soldier in China. Do you read that in the newspapers? Who's in China? U. S. Marines going rabbit hunting 50 miles inland for the lousy Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship. What have you got to say?"

"Isn't the Greek government the government of the country at least? Aren't these guys rebels? At least there's international law . . ."

"Yeah, the government. By British bayonets. Let me tell you about legal governments. Remember Spain's legal government and Franco's rebellion? Did we interfere there for the government? How about the newly created government of Palestine? Are we sticking them in the back for Standard Oil or not. Our State Department is on whatever side the people are against."

"We're pretty awful guys. Tell me more."

I tell him. Submarines to Turkey. ("What submarines? Never saw the item.") How about Russia sending subs to Mexico, and building airfields and sending officers—and Mexico doesn't like us. Would we tell them where to get off? Hmmm.

Hmmm yourself.

Very interesting to get another viewpoint. See you soon.

And then will come Czechoslovakia—"Now you're not going to tell me Russia had nothing to do with THIS deal," he'll begin no doubt—"Or that this was democratic procedure. . . ."

For ten readers letters clearing me for one more non sports column next week I'll tell you what happens on Czechoslovakia. This procedure has to be democratic.

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